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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE,

TO THE

FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS.

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DOCUMENT "A."

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, September 19, 1853.

His Excellency, P. H. BELL, *Governor of Texas:*

SIR: The duty of repressing hostilities among the Indian tribes, and of protecting frontier settlements from their depredations, is the most difficult one which the Army has now to perform; and nowhere has it been found more difficult, than on the western frontier of Texas. The vast extent of the country to be guarded, and the facility with which, when pressed, marauders pass into the neighboring territory of Mexico, whither they cannot be pursued, and where they can form new plans of attack, secure from observation, render it impossible with the force at the disposal of this Department, or with any other, bearing a reasonable proportion to that required in other parts of our country, to give that degree of security which seems to be expected by the Governor and citizens of the State.

Much of this difficulty could, in my judgment, be obviated by the Government of Texas. While the Indians have no territory of their own, they have virtually a right to roam where they will, and the military force can only interpose when they assume the character of an enemy, a fact which, under the circumstances, it is frequently difficult to determine until after outrage has been committed.

If, on the other hand, the Indians were limited to a defined territory, their presence elsewhere would be an offence, at once justifying interposition of the military force, which, in a great majority of the cases, could prevent depredations and outrage without bloodshed. This policy has been pursued with perfect success by the Government of the United States; and besides

the certainty which it introduces into the relation between the Army and the Indians, it has been attended with other gratifying results.

If the Government of Texas would, in imitation of this example, set aside a tract of land of sufficient extent on her northern border, and would give jurisdiction over it to the United States, it is believed that the scattered tribes of Indians in that State, could be gathered and concentrated there, and placed under such restraint as would enable this Department much more effectually to protect the citizens from savage depredations.

The removal of the Indians will also afford inducements for the settlement and cultivation of lands now occupied by them, or subject to their incursions, and according to the experience in the United States, persons, who, in the present unsettled condition of affairs, would hesitate to trust themselves within reach of roving bands, would not fear to settle on the very borders of the Indian country.

If, in your judgement, these views deserve the consideration of the Government of Texas, and if the measure suggested be adopted, I am confident that united benefit will result; and the troops on your frontier can give all the support which would be required to enable the Indian Department to carry it into effect. Very respectfully, your ob't servant,

(Signed,) JEFFERSON DAVIS, Secretary of War.

DOCUMENT "B."

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Austin, November 1, 1853.

To His Excellency, P. H. BELL,
Governor, &c.

SIR: In compliance with your request, I beg to furnish you, below, a condensed statement of the receipts and payments of this office, upon general or State account, for the fiscal year ending yesterday, (October 31, 1853.) As I have not been

able to bring up the books of the office to date, this statement of the balance in the Treasury may vary a little from what will be shown to be the balance when I come to render my annual report, but the difference will be slight.

RECEIPTS.

To balance of cash in the Treasury, Nov. 1, 1852:			
In U. S. 5 per ct. Bonds, for disbursement,	$3,575,000 00		
" Specie, interest rec. on U. S. B'ds,	164,550 50		
" Specie, prem'm on U. S. Bonds,	42,243 84		
" Specie, proceeds of sale U. S. B'ds,	417,882 73	4,199,677 08	
" U. S. Bonds, belonging to Gen'l School Fund,	53,000 00		
" Specie, belonging to Gen. Sch. F'd,	8,974 12	61,974 12	4,261,651 20
To Specie rec'd in collection of revenue of late Republic, during the fiscal year,			3,635 87
To Specie rec'd in collection of revenue of State upon taxes, &c., previous to 1852, being less, one-tenth, set aside for Gen. Sch. F'd,			35,051 39
To Specie rec'd of Jas. H. Raymond, Treas'r, for interest collected by him upon interest coupons, for July, 1852, and Jan'y, 1853, upon $3,575,000 00, U. S. Bonds:			179,750 00
To Specie rec'd of Jas. H. Raymond, Treas'r, for premium collected by him upon U. S. Bonds, disbursed from office in 1852,			11,166 16
To Specie received on account of Gen. School Fund, being one-tenth of the revenue of State for year previous to 1852,		3,895 69	
To Specie rec'd on account of Gen. School Fund, being one-tenth of revenue of State for 1852 and 1853,		9,815 46	
To specie, interest rec'd upon $36,000, State Bonds, as ap-			

propriated per act of Feb. 7, 1853,	1,950 00		
To Specie collected by Jas. H. Raymond, Treasurer, on acc't of Generel School Fund, for interest coupons due July, 1852, and Jan'y, 1853, upon $53,000, U. S. 5 per cent. Bonds,	2,650 00—		18,311 15
			$4,509,565 77

PAYMENTS.

By am't cash disbursed upon Treasury Warrants:			
In Specie, revenue of late Republic,	3,635 87		
In Specie, revenue of State,	35,051 39		
Capitol Appro'n. In Specie, proceeds of sale of U. S. Bonds,	125,000 00		
Capitol Appro'n. In Specie, premium upon U. S. Bonds,	6,362 50		
In Specie, interest rec'd upon U. S. Bonds,	176,645 14—		$346,694 90
By Specie, proceeds of sale U. S. Bonds, disbursed in payment of Public Debt of late Republic of Texas,			116,460 52
By balance cash on hand this date, viz:			
In U. S. 5 per ct. Bonds,	3,575,000 00		
In Specie, interest rec. on U. S. B'ds,	167,655 37		
In Specie, prem'm upon U. S. B'ds,	47,047 50		
In Specie, proceeds sale U. S. Bonds,	176,422 21–	3,966,125 08	
By U. S. 5 per cent. Bonds of General School Fund,	53,000 00		
By Specie, of Gen'l School Fund,	27,285 27—	80,285 27—	4,046,410 35
			$4,509,565 77

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,
JAS. H. RAYMOND *Treasurer.*

DOCUMENT "C."

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
AUSTIN, November 1st, 1853.

To his Excellency, P. H. BELL, Governor,
and the Hon. Senate and House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN:—The period having arrived when it becomes my duty to present for your consideration the situation and transactions of this Department for the last two years, ending the 31st inst., I have the honor herewith to submit the following report:

It will be seen by reference to the report of my predecessor, that there is estimated to remain to the State of Texas, after deducting the amount ceded to the United States, an area of 175,594,560 acres.

		Acres.	
The records of this office show that there have been titled by the authorities of Spain and Mexico,		25,517,391	
Reported by Commissioners to investigate land titles west of the Nueces, and relinquished by the State under act of February 10th, 1852, 744 leagues, 3,294,432 acres, 9 fractions estimated at	9,963 "		
149 2-3 porcions estimated at	441,846 "	3,746,241	
The amount of claims of every description, originating under the Republic and State of Texas, may be estimated at		43,583,627	
Making an aggregate of claims liquidated and unliquidated of			72,847,259
Leaving to the State, after deducting every claim known to exist, a domain of			102,747,301

I have followed the practice heretofore adopted of including in the estimate of lands titled under the former governments of Spain and Mexico, every title which has been filed in this office, making no deduction for any that may have been set aside by the courts.

As none of the claims relinquished under the act of Feb-

ruary 10th, 1852, have been returned, as required by said act, I have been compelled to make the above estimate from the best data before me, which, however, may be changed to some extent, when the field-notes are returned.

The above estimate of the amount of claims originating under the Republic and State of Texas, is obtained as follows:

First Class recommended	19,075,819	
" " confirmed by District and Supreme courts	2,429,889	
First Class countersigned under act of February 9th, 1850,	142,673	—21,648,381
Second and third Class recommended	1,325,567	
" " " " reported	6,898,516	
" " " " confirmed by District courts	102,080	— 8,326,163
Issued under special acts	728,742	
Bounty and donation lands	5,279,363	
Land scrip	1,433,942	
Fisher and Miller's Colony	1,405,920	
Castro's Colony	204,160	
Mercer's Colony	631,680	
Peters' Colony	817,560	
Issued to the Trustees of Texian Emigration and Land company, 3,400 crt's, 320 acres each	1,088,000	
University lands, 50 leagues	221,400	
Universities of Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Marshall and De Kalb, Rutersville and Guadalupe Colleges, 4 leagues each	88,560	
School lands, 95 counties, 4 leagues each	1,682,640	
Granted under act to establish central national road of the Republic of Texas, approved 5th February, 1840,	27,116	—13,609,083
		43,583,627

The following exhibit shows the condition of the above mentioned claims.

First class aggregate, including 412,340 acres of the lands granted under special laws, the school lands and those granted to Seminaries of learning	23,831,921
	23,831,921

First Class returned and patented	14,736,269		
First Class returned and not patented	4,065,564	18,801,833	
First Class outstanding			5,030,088
Second and third classes, aggregate including 316,402 acres of the claims issued under special acts, Fisher and Miller's, Castro's, Mercer's and Peters Colony, and National road		11,729,001	
Of which there have been returned and patented 5,207,906 acres			
Returned and not patented	2,337,160 "	7,545,066	
Second and third class outstanding			4,183,935
Bounty and donation aggregate		5,279,363	
" " " returned and patented	2,965,872		
Bounty and donations returned and not patented	729,465	3,695,337	
Bounty and donations outstanding			1,584,026
Landscrip aggregate		11,433,942	
" returned and patended	672,814		
Landscrip returned and not patented	168,886	842,700	
Landscrip outstanding			591,242
University lands aggregate		221,400	
" " returned		207,559	
Outstanding			13,841
Texian Emigration and Land company			1,088,000
Total amount outstanding			12,491,132
By adding the amount of claims returned and not patented			7,301,075
We have the total aggregate of unpatented claims			19,792,207
Which, with the claims returned and patented			23,791,420
Makes the total amount of claims originating under the Republic and State of Texas			43,583,627

The former numbers with regard to land scrip, have been increased by the addition of 99,840 acres, issued in accordance with the provisions of "an act to amend the act to incorporate the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railway company," approved 28th January, 1853. Said company having completed nineeteen and one half miles of railway.

There have been made since the last report, 4,611 patents. Showing an increase over the two preceeding years of 772 patents; notwithstanding the unusual amount of miscellaneous work, occasioned by the rapid return of field-notes under the act of February 10th, 1852, and the great demand for copies maps, sketches, translations, &c.

The number of blank patents on hand November 1st, 1851, was stated to be		8,418
Deduct patents made since November 1st, 1851,	4,611	
Deduct patents canceled or spoiled in writing	45	—4,656
Number on hand		3,762

Of which about 250 are unfit for use.

The following statement shows the amount of monies received since last report, for government dues and patent fees, and paid into the Treasury.

For patent fees in promisory notes	$6,542 00
For government dues in promisory notes	4,657 00
Total in promisory notes	11,199 00
For patent fees in specie	3,775 20
For government dues in spicie	2,851 80
Total in specie	$6,627 00
I have received and paid over in par funds, from 1st of March, 1852, to the 31st ult., for office fees, under the act of March 24th, 1848	$1,562 05

The business of this department has been greatly retarded owing to its heavy increase and the want of sufficient force.

Our citizens from the most remote parts of the State, have visited Austin for the purpose of obtaining patents for their lands; many of whom were compelled to leave for their homes disappointed, it not being in the power of the department to grant them the necessary and expected accommodations.

The act of the legislature concerning surveys of lands, approved 10th February, 1852, requiring the return of field-notes to the General Land Office by the 31st of August, 1853, also caused a very heavy rush of business by the return of several

thousand claims which required the entire force of the Department to regulate for registry and prepare for their respective files.

There are now pending about 1200 applications for patents, averaging about six claims each, making 7,200 claims now before us, which have undergone no examination whatever, and many of which have not yet been registered on the books of the office. To which may be added 500 like applications made since the 1st of Jenuary last, which have been examined and suspended owing to partial defects, making in all 10,200 claims for which parties are now very anxiously awaiting patents; besides a large number of claims, amounting to 8,040 previously filed, but not patented, for which there are no immediate applications.

It is evident, therefore, that with the present force of the department, it will require years to accommodate our citizens by granting them patents, many of whom have sold their lands but cannot receive one dollar in payment until they receive from the government titles for the same.

To the Commissioner, who has ever been anxious to accommodate those who have visited the department on business, it is very unpleasant to send applicants away disappointed, after having traveled several hundred miles, expecting to receive that accommodation which they deem it the duty of the government to extend to them.

I would therefore most respectfully urge the necessity of additional clerical aid. It granted, it would be the means of relieving in a few months, the anxious minds and urgent necessities of many of our citizens.

As reported above, the number of blank patents on hand amount to 3,512, which could, with additional aid, be worked off in a short time. I would therefore suggest that an appropriation be made for the purchase of 25,000 more. This number may appear large, but as I flatter myself with an increase of clerical aid, it could so be arranged as to average throughout the year 36 patents per day, which would amount in one year to 11,232; therefore before the meeting of another legislature,(two years) 22,464 patents could be made, but should the number of applications not require that number during the next two years, yet another reason exists why they should be procured, which is the great difficulty in procuring parchment in the United States.

Heretofore, when our orders for patents have been received by our agents in New York, they found that, and other cities

in the United States, destitute of the quantity required, consequently, were compelled to send to Europe for a sufficient supply. The same difficulty, I presume, still exists.

In conclusion, I most respectfully solicit the Honorable Legislature to appoint a committee of both Houses to examine into the affairs of this Department, when they can better determine as to its necessities. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your ob't servant,
S. CROSBY, Commissioner.

DOCUMENT "D."

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
AUSTIN, November 1st, 1853.

SIR:—I have the honor herewith to transmit a report shewing the current business of this office from the first day of October, A. D., 1851, until the 31st day of October, 1853, inclusive; together with such suggestions as I deem it my duty to offer for the consideration of your Excellency.

Exhibit No. 1, shows the number of Bounty, Donation and Head-right Certificates, with the total amount of acres issued by Col. Ben. F. Hill, Adjutant General, from the first day of October, A. D., 1851, to the 24th day of November, A. D., 1851, inclusive.

Exhibit No. 2, shows the number of Bounty, Donation and Head-right Certificates, with the total amount of acres issued by James S. Gillett, Adjutant-General, from the 27th day of November, 1851, until the 31st day of October, 1853, inclusive.

By comparing the reports made by Colonels Jno. D. Pitts and Ben. F. Hill, with the one now presented, you will observe that there has been a marked increase in the number of military Land Warrants issued. This may be readily accounted for in two ways. First, the great number of heirs who are now arriving of age, and beginning to look after the interests of their deceased relatives; and secondly, the increased demand for and consequent rise in value of land certificates.

While in the performance of the duties connected with my office, I have found that there still remains a large amount of land due those who participated in the struggle for the independence of Texas. In the Georgia Battallion, or Colonel Fannin's command, alone, there still remains one hundred and thirty-six names to whom no land certificates have been issued. Supposing them all to have been single men, their heirs are entitled, under the law, to 548,896 acres of land. But supposing one-half of them to have been married, which I think not more than a fair calculation, the amount of land due will be swelled to 759,696 acres. There are many other commands which have large amounts of land still due, particularly the foreign volunteers, who were furloughed and never again called into service. But for want of time or assistance, I have been unable to make further investigations, by which I could have been able to have reported very nearly the true quantity of land yet due from the State for military services.

I beg leave here to submit one remark in regard to discharges. The law requires that all discharges shall be countersigned by at least one field officer, after having been signed by the Captain or commandant of the company, which requirement at this time, operates very hard in many cases, as a great number of worthy soldiers were discharged, their captains only signing their discharges. Some of these were filed with the Pay Masters, and the soldier paid his money thereon, but not wanting his land at that time, did not apply for it. Now under the law, land warrants will not issue upon them unless the signature of a field officer can be obtained. This, in a large number of instances, amounts almost to a bar of the claim, as many of the field officers have either died or removed from the State, thereby rendering it impossible to comply with the law, and I can see no good reason indeed, why the land should not issue when an honorable discharge is presented, signed by the commandant of the company, and the justice of the claim sustained by the records of this office. I would therefore respectfully recommend a repeal of the requirement above alluded to.

Exhibit No. 3, shows the number of volunteers called into service of the State by the Governor, for the protection of our western frontier. I am unable to give any further information in regard to these companies, than that shown by the return. the commandants of them having made no reports to this office. You will observe that the companies were not full when mustered into service, but the Captains had orders from me to recruit until their organizations were complete, which I presume they did.

Exhibit No. 4, shows the number and condition of the arms in store belonging to the State. I would most respectfully call your attention to the great necessity of the erection of a fire-proof building, suitable for the reception and safe keeping of the arms now on hand and those due, and which will be due the State of Texas from year to year, from the General Government. The arms are now in the second story of the building occupied by the Secretary of State, and in case of fire must inevitably be destroyed. Your Excellency will no doubt recollect having received a letter in 1852, and one in 1853, from Col. A. K. Craig of the Ordnance Department, Washington, D. C., in regard to the quota of arms due Texas. These letters were transmitted to this office for answer, which was done, and the originals returned to the Executive Department. Accompanying exhibit No. 4, is a copy of my last answer to Col. Craig, which will explain in part, the reason why the residue of the arms now due were not desired to be forwarded at that time.

Like my predecessors in office, I have no report to make in regard to the militia of the State, as no returns of any description have been made during my term of office; nor indeed have I any suggestions to make, for I have always looked upon militia organizations and musters as resulting in but little or no practical good to the community.

In conclusion, I will inform your Excellency that I have endeavored with all the ability I possess, to arrange and systematize this office, so that its current business might be done with more facility than heretofore, and flatter myself that I have, to some extent at least, succeeded. Acting upon the suggestion of your Excellency last summer, I employed a clerk, and have continued one in service for the period of five months, by which the business of the office has been much facilitated. This expense I have met with my private funds, and indulge the hope that I may be reimbursed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES S. GILLETT,

Adjutant-General.

To his Excellency, P. HANSBROUGH BELL,

Governor of Texas.

NO. 1.

Table showing the number and denomination of Bounty, Donation and Head-right Certificates, issued by Col. Ben. F. Hill, Adjutant-General of the State of Texas, from the 1st day of October, 1851, until the 24th day of November, 1851.

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES.				DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES.			
No. of Certif.	*Denom. of Certif*	*Am't of each denom.*	*Total No. of acres.*	*No. of Certif.*	*Denom. of Certif.*	*Am't of each Denom.*	*Total No. of acres.*
Bounty				*Bounty.*			
7	320 a	2,240		2	320 a	640	
2	240 "	480		1	1280 "	2,560	3,200
1	960 "	960					
3	640 "	1,920					
5	1280 "	6,400	12,000				
Donation				*Donation*			
7	640 "	4,480	4,480	1	640"	640	640
H. R.							
1	$\frac{1}{3}$ league	1,476					
1	$\frac{2}{3}$ L & L	3,129					
2	1 L & L	9,210	13,816				
Issued against the State,			30,296	*Duplicates issued,*			3,850
				Original Certificates,			30,296
				Total amount issued,			34,136

NO. 2.

Table showing the number and denomination of Bounty, Donation and Head-right Certificates issued by James S. Gillett, Adjutant-General, from the 27th day of November, 1851, until the 31st day of October, 1853, inclusive.

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES.				DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES.			
No of Certif.	*Denom. of Certif.*	*Amount of each Denom*	*Total No. of acres.*	*No. of Certif.*	*Denom. of Certif.*	*Amount of each Denom.*	*Total No. of acres.*
Bounty,				*Bounty.*			
40	240 a	9,600					
169	320 "	54,080		37	320 a	11,840	
1	480 "	480		1	480 "	480	
46	640 "	29,440		16	640 "	10,240	
				2	800 "	1,600	
13	960 "	12,480		7	960 "	6,720	
33	1280 "	42,240		27	1,280 "	34,560	
26	1920 "	49,920	198,240	13	1,920 "	24,960	90,400
Donation.				*Donation*			
104	640 "	66,560	66,560	33	640 "	21,120	21,120
H. R.							
7	1 L&L	32,235					
8	⅔ L&L	25,032					
34	⅓ P'gue	50,184	107,451				
			372,251		*Duplicates,*		111,520
Issued by spectial act of Legislature,			4,996		*Originals,*		377,247
Amt issued against the State			377,247		*Total am't issued - time specified,*		488,767

NO. 3.

Statement of the number of Volunteers called into service of the State by Gov. P. H. Bell, in the year 1852, for the protection of our western frontier.

No. of Comp's	*Names of Captains Commanding*	*When must'r'd into service*	*Where.*	*Period*	*Total*
3	Owen Shaw,	18th Aug , 1852.	San Antonio,	6 months	67
	G. K Lewis,	14th Sept., "	Brownsville,	6 "	37
	H. Clay Davis,	21st Sept,, "	Rio Grande City	6 "	52
			Aggregate strength,		156

NO. 4.

Return showing the number and condition of Arms now in store, belonging to the State.

Number.	Description.	Condition,
620	Muskets.	Good.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 13, 1853.

SIR:—I have the honor to inform you, that your communication of the 12th of March last, addressed to his Excellency, Gov. Bell, in relation to the arms due this State from the General Government, was duly received by him, and transmitted to this Department for answer; and I am instructed to inform you that as yet, our State Legislature has made no arrangements for the erection of suitable buildings for the reception and safe keeping of the arms. Therefore I have to request that you will continue to place to the credit of this State the amount annually due, until your Department shall be notified of her readiness to receive them, at which time you will be advised of the character of arms desired.

With sentiments of high regard, I have the honor, &c.

JAMES S. GILLETT,
Adjutant-General.

Col. A. K. CRAIG, Ordnance Department, Washington, D. C.

DOCUMENT "E," NO. 1.

To his Excellency, P. H. BELL, *Governor of the State of Texas:*

The undersigned Directors of the State Penitentiary, in pursuance of law, submit the following report of the condition of the institution for the last two years, ending September 30th, 1853:

Government and Discipline.

It affords them pleasure to state that, under the Superintendence of Col. James Gillaspie, all the varied branches of business in which the convicts have been employed has been conducted with a success unknown, as they believe, to any similar institution in its infancy. The work on the buildings and walls are far advanced. The pecuniary interests of the State have been guarded, and the health and comfort of the unfortunate inmates well attended to. The convicts are orderly and industrious, and in only one case have we been compelled to authorize the Superintendent to inflict stripes.

The gross expense of the institution for the two last years have been		$43,822 59
There has been work made and sold within the same period to the amount of	$6,939 92	
Materials and tools on hand,	9,591 43	
Cost of materials and work on institution	26,143 60	
Also, estimate of worth of hauling, &c.,	1,350 00	
	$44,024 95	
Balance in favor of institution,		202 36
		$44,024 95
Appropriation for 1852 and 1853,		$44,536 00
Contra—by Directors and Superinten- [illegible]	$10,374 96	
[illegible] drawn from Treasury,	26,054 10	
		36,429 00
Balance of appropriation,		$8,106 94

The above balance is subject to the payment of outstanding drafts due and unpaid, Oct. 1st, 1851, and for the current expenses of the institution for the last quarter of this year, which we think will be amply sufficient.

On an examination of the books of the Penitentiary and the vouchers exhibited by the agent, we find that there has come into his hands from all sources the sum of $28,174 25

To wit, on account of appropriation,	$26,054 10	
From proceeds of convict labor, &c.,	2,120 15	
	$28,174 25	
His disbursements (inclusive of an error of 41 cents, satisfactory to us) has been		28,171 82
Leaving a balance in his hands Oct. 1st, 1853, of		$2 43

All of which will appear by reference to transcripts duly certified and forwarded to your Excellency.

Estimated amount of appropriation required for the completion of the building on the present plan, and ordinary expenses, including wagon and carpenter's shops, for two years, exclusive of materials and sundries on hand, $50,900 13

Less probable amount of proceeds of convict labor, 7,000 00

$43,900 13

To wit—for completion of institution,	$16,496 42
Wagon shop,	4,454 76
Carpenter shop,	302 30
Current expenses,	29,646 65
	$43,900 13

For exhibits, see report of Superintendent.

In a former report of the board, it was respectfully suggested for the favorable consideration of your Excellency and the Honorable Legislature, the expediency and necessity of converting the institution, on its completion, into a cotton factory. The directors have had no cause to change the opinions then expressed.

The law providing for its erection, and the various employments of the convicts, provides that they shall be engaged at such business as "will least interfere with the general mechanical industry of the country." The law is bound to be a nullity—a dead letter on the statutes of the State, if the proposed measure, or some similar one is not provided; for so soon as the buildings are completed, the convicts must be engaged in some business

inside the walls; and at what can they be engaged but in all the varied mechanical branches of industry of the State? The ordinary current expenses of such institutions are bound to be heavy, and more particularly in a State of the size of ours, where convicts have to be taken, in some instances, five hundred miles. And we honestly believe that, independently of the injury done the mechanics of our own country, that the cotton and woollen manufacture would come nearer meeting these expenses, if not, when in successful operation, furnishing a balance in favor of the State. We have the raw material in our own State which is now sent abroad to be fabricated and returned to us for our consumption, with all the costs and charges added, fostering and building up foreign monopolies to the prejudice of our own citizens at home. Should the Hon. Legislature adopt our views, and take necessary steps for the introduction of that branch of industry, it will only require an additional appropriation (for the erection of suitable buildings) of about five thousand ($5,000) dollars.

We would again call the attention of your Excellency and Hon. Legislature to the minimum term of imprisonment. Under the present law a large number of convicts are sent for only one year; so soon as they begin to pay expenses, their time is out. Many cost the State from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars for transportation alone. We think it should be raised to two if not three years.

Agent.

Under the supplemental act of February 16th, 1852, the board of directors appointed John S. Besser the purchasing and disbursing agent of the institution, and it affords us pleasure in saying that in the discharge of the various duties incumbent on him by virtue of the law creating the office, that the financial affairs of the institution have been conducted by him with rigid economy and an eye single to the State's interest, which by reference to his transcripts of purchases made, we doubt not, will be fully sustained.

In connection with that office, and its duties and responsibilities, we would fail in our duty if we did not recommend an increase of compensation.

Convicts.

There has been received into the Penitentiary since the last biennial report, seventy four convicts, which, with twenty-eight then in confinement, make the whole number 102

Of which there have been discharged, by expiration

of term,	22	
Deaths,	4	
Pardoned,	7	
Escaped, 8, re-taken, 3—total escapes,	5	
		— 38
Number in confinement Sept. 30th, 1853,		64

For a statement, in detail, see accompany exhibit A.

They have been engaged as follows:

Brick yard,		26
Laying brick,	6	
Tenders,	12	
Hauling,	2	
		—20
Carpenters' shop,	6	
Wagon do.	3	
		— 9
Cooks,	2	
Sweepers and cleaners,	2	
Washer,	1	
		— 5
Painter,	1	
Blacksmith shop,	3	
		— 4
		64

J. C. SMITH,
WM. M. BARRETT, } *Directors.*
ISAAC McGARY,

HUNTSVILLE, Oct. 29th, 1853.

Inventory of sundries on hand.

300,000 brick, at $7 per M.	$2,100 00
150,000 " unburnt at $3 50,	525 00
Fifteen balls and chains, at 84 cents,	12 60
Five cots and blankets for guard, at $10,	50 00
Kitchen furniture,	50 00
Office " on hand Sept. 30, 1851, $51,	
Iron safe,	215 00
Blankets, cots, mattrasses, and outfit for 65 cells, at $5,	325 00
Two yoke of oxen, at $50,	100 00
One wagon in use,	50 00
One mule, Sept. 30, 1851, $75,	
Twelve axes,	12 00
Twelve spades and shovels,	6 00

Six grubbing hoes,		3 00
Ten wheelbarrows, at $4,		40 00
Half dozen padlocks, at $10,		5 00
One keg powder,		7 50
Sixty-one boxes caps, at 30c.,		18 30
One box muskets,		
Five double-barrelled shot guns, $75, two brace pistols, $16, on hand Sept. 30, 1851,		2 75
One box shaving soap,		
One shoe punch,		75
Seventeen dozen fine and coarse combs,		15 47
36 pieces sheet iron, at $1 65, on hand Sept. 30, 1851,		59 40
Four chambers,		2 00
118 quart and pint cups,		8 92
37 tin plates,		3 70
		$3,552 99
Materials bought within the last two years:		
500 barrels of lime, at $4,		$2,000 00
10 cords of wood, at $1 50,		15 00
14,000 feet lumber, at $15,		210 00
3,794 lbs. iron, at 7c.,		279 58
Two boxes tin, at $12 50,		25 00
Five kegs nails, at $7,		35 00
30 gals. linseed oil, at 95c.,		28 50
Half doz. bottles S. oil, at $3,		1 50
Medicines, say		25 00
		2,619 58
Brought up,	$3,552 99	
Deduct brick convict labor,	2,625 00	
		927 99
Bought during two years and on hand,		$3,547 57
Sundries on hand Sept. 30th, 1851:		
Office furniture,	$51 00	
One mule,	75 00	
Shot guns and pistols,	91 00	
Sheet iron,	59 40	
	$276 40	

RECAPITULATION.

Materials on hand bought,	2,619 58

Sundries,	927	99
Brick made and on hand,	2,625	00
On hand Sept. 30, 1851, and now on hand,	276	40
	$6,448	97

Wagon Shop Materials.

3,000 lbs iron, at 7c.,	210	00
18 setts wagon boxes, at $2,	36	00
14 large files,	9	75
Three and a half dozen H. S. files,	3	50
do. do. carpenters' pencils,	3	94
Wagon lumber,	216	05
Materials,	$479	24

Sundries not in estimate of expense account:

87 lbs. iron axles, at 12c.,	10	44
255 " eliptic springs, at $2,	38	25
Wood work of thirty three wagons:		
Boxes and centre bands, at $38,	1254	
Three wagons finished,	275	
Unfinished work,	108	
	$1,685	69

Tools.

Three setts bench planes, at $4,	12	
Four hand saws, at $2 75,	11	
14 chisels, at 50c.,	7	
Four gouges, at 25c.,	1	
Three spoke shaves, at 50c.,	1	50
Three hand axes, at $1,	3	
Two broad " at $2,	4	
One poll " $1,	1	
One cross-cut saw,	5	
Six drawing knives, at $1,	6	
One brace and bits,	2	
Three guages, at 75c.,	2	25
Three pairs of compasses, at 25c.,		75
Six augers, at 66⅔c.,	4	
Four squares, at 62c.,	2	50
Three rules, at 25c.,		75
Three benches, at $4,	12	
One wheel do.,	5	
One sett tenon cutters,	8	

Three hammers, at 50c.,	1 50
	$90 25
Materials in expense estimate,	479 24
Sundries not in estimate,	1,685 69
	$2,255 18

Carpenter Shop.

Materials in expense estimate:	
Two safes, at $15,	30
Three bedsteads, at $6,	18
Five small tsbles, at $3 50,	17 50
One dining table,	5
One bookcase,	8
One lounge,	3
One trundle bedstead,	3 50
Five setts bedstead posts, at $2 10,	10 50
Three setts castors,	1
Four dozen press hooks, at 30c.,	1 20
	$97 70

Tools.

Five setts bench planes, at $3 75,	18 75
Twelve handsaws, at $2 50,	30
One lot planes (sundries),	13
Seven hammers,	6 13
Five drawing knives, at $1,	5
Six oil stones, at 50c.,	3
Two brace and bits, at $3,	6
Eleven squares,	7
Two adzes,	11
One lot of chisels,	3 75
Two guages, at $1,	2
Five work benches, at $3 50,	17 50
One turning-lathe and tools,	20
Two grindstones, at $3,	6
Tools,	$149 13
Materials in ex. estimate,	97 70
Carpenter shop,	$246 83

Blacksmith Shop.

Two setts tools, at $50,	100

One large vice,	12 50
Two stocks and die,	35
	$147 50

Clothing.

205 yds. kerseys, at 23c., and 114 do. cottonade, at 23c.,	$73 00
10 do. bedticking, at 15c.	1 50
100 pairs pants, at 90c.	90
21 shirts, at 60c.,	12 60
32 pairs blankets, at $3,	96
21 " russets, at $1 10,	23 10
Seven and three-twelfth doz. W. wool hats, at $5 60,	40 60
70 pairs woollen socks, at 28c.,	19 60
One and a half pounds of thread, at $1 20,	1 80
Cr. in estimate,	$358 57

Provisions.

Two sacks (330 lbs.) coffee, at 12c.,	39 60
348 lbs. sugar, at 7c.,	24 36
Eight boxes (860 lbs.) tobacco, at 22c.,	189 20
Nine " (432 ") soap, at 7c.,	30 24
833 lbs. bacon, at 12½c.,	106 63
One sack salt,	3 50
15 gallons vinegar, at 15c.,	2 25
One and a half barrel of flour, at $10,	15
Cr. in estimate,	$410 78

Recapitulation of sundries, purchased within the last two years, as well as work on hand :

Completion of Penitentiary,	$3,547 57
Wagon shop,	2,255 18
Carpenter shop,	246 83
Blacksmith shop,	147 50
Clothing,	358 57
Provisions,	410 78
	6,966 43
To which add brick on hand, worth	2,625
	$9,591 43

For the purpose of arriving at a correct estimate of the expense of the institution, together with its

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credits, there should be added to the above amount a fair value for the work of convicts in the erection of the building, which I put at	26,143	60
For which, see statement of the progress of the work.		
Also, add amount of work made and sold,	6,939	92
	$42,674	95
Also, eighteen months hauling by team—say 450 days, at $3 per day,	1,350	
	$44,024	95

JAMES GILLASPIE, *Superintendant.*

To the Hon. the Directors of the Texas Penitentiary:

In pursuance of law, I herewith submit an estimate of the probable cost attending the completion of the Penitentiary on the present approved plan, including workshops:

1,888,000 brick, convict labor.		
1,350 bbls. lime, at $4,	$5,400	
550 cords wood, at $1 50,	825	
123,000 feet pine lumber, at $15 per thousand,	1,845	
14,000 " oak, " at $22 50,	315	
25,500 lbs. iron, at $7,	1,785	
20 kegs nails, "	140	
28 boxes glass 10x12, at $3 50,	98	
300 lbs putty, at 8c.,	24	
1,500 lbs white lead, at 11c.,	165	
180 gals. oil, at 95c.,	171	
80 boxes tin, at $12 50,	1,000	
150 lbs. block tin, at 47c.,	70	50
150 " lead, at 10c.,	15	
One barrel rosin,	4	50
Superintendant's house—locks, hinges, &c.,	60	
Locks and fastenings on 152 cells,	152	
Locks, hinges and fastenings on hospital, wash-room and workshops,	52	
Two master workmen—blacksmith and bricklayer, at $720 per year, each,	2,280	
One carpenter, at $600 per year,	1,200	
Putting on tin roofs,	600	
Teamster, at $252 per year,	504	

1080 bushels corn for team and mule, at 75c. per bu.	810	
Contingent expenses,	1,000	
Amount,	$19,116	
Contra—by material on hand—		
500 barrels lime, at $4,	2,000	
10 cords of wood, at $1 50,	15	
14,000 feet lumber, at $15,	210	
3,794 lbs. iron, at 7c.,	279	58
Two boxes tin, at $12 50,	25	
Five kegs nails, at $7,	35	
30 gallons oil, at 95c.,	28	50
Half doz. bottles S. oil, at $3,	1	50
	$2,594	58
Medicines,	25	
	$2,619	58
Expense account brought down,	$19,116	
By materials,	2,619	58
Amount needed,	$16,496	42

Estimate of amount needed for wagon shop for two years.

Lumber for 80 wagons, at $10,	$800	
30,600 lbs. iron, at 7c.,	2,142	
2,400 bushels coal, at 8c.,	192	
Tools, also, blacksmith shop,	200	
Wagon-maker, at $720 per year,	1,440	
80 setts wagon boxes, at $2,	160	
	$4,934	
By materials on hand—3,000 lbs. iron, at 7c.,	210	
18 setts wagon boxes, at $2,	36	
14 files, large, 16 in.,	9	75
3½ dozen handsaw files,	3	94
3½ " large pencils, at $3,	3	50
Wagon lumber,	216	05
	$479	24
Estimate brought down,	4,934	

Contra,		479 24
Amount needed,		$4,454 76

Estimate for carpenter shop for two years—

Lumber and sundries,		$400
Contra—by sundries on hand,		97 70
Amount needed,		$302 30

Estimate for ordinary expenses of Penitentiary for two years:

Superintendent,		$2,000
Directors,		600
Agent,		1,200
Physician,		700
Medicines,		200
Guard,		9,600
Clothing,		2,000
Rations,		7,000
Transportation of convicts,		6,000
To discharged "		340
240 gallons lamp oil, at $1 15,		276
Contingent,		500
		$30,416
By sundries on hand: Clothing,	358 57	
Rations,	410 78	
		769 35
Amount needed,		$29,646 65

Recapitulation of expense account, for which an appropriation will be needed:

Ordinary expenses,	$29,646 65
Completion of building,	16,496 42
Wagon shop,	4,454 76
Carpenter shop,	302 30
	$50,900 13
Less am't of estimate for work, &c., made and sold,	7,000
Gross amount,	$43,900 13

JAMES GILLASPIE, *Superintendent.*

Examined and approved.

J. C. SMITH,
WM. M. BARRETT, } *Directors.*
ISAAC McGARY,

The Superintendent submits the following statement of the advanced state of work on the Penitentiary, with an estimate of the value of said work and materials, had the same been done by the mechanics of the country, which he thinks should be taken in connection with the general expense of the institution.

Finishing block No. 1 of cells, complete:

6,000 ft. lumber for flooring and ceiling 45 cells, at $15,	$90	
3,000 " " " ceiling over head, "	45	
59½ squares flooring and ceiling, at $12,	119	
Re-slatting 64 cell doors, at $1,	64	
1,280 lbs. of iron for same, at $7,	89	60
Locks and fastenings for 45 cells, at $1 50,	67	50
	$475	10

Block No. 2.—Brick work done, and exterior and interior walls finished.

1,000,000 brick, at $7,	$7,000
500 barrels lime, at $4,	2,000
Laying 1,000,000 brick, at $3,	3,000
Lumber for block, 32,000, at $15,	480
32 windows in same, at $15,	160
84 cell door frames and hangings, at $3,	252
48 boxes tin for block 2 and Superintendant's house, at $12 50,	600
150 lbs. block tin, at 40c.,	60
150 " lead, at 10c.,	15
	$13,567

Superintendant's house, walls finished, and openings filled.

500,000 brick, at $7,	3,500
250 barrels lime, at $4,	1,000
Laying 500,000 brick, at $3,	1,500
16,000 feet lumber, at $15,	240
Frames, sash, glass, &c., for 22 openings, at $8,	176
	$6,416

East wall complete, and west wall one-third done.

356,000 brick, at $7,	2,492
178 barrels lime, at $4,	912
Laying 356,000 brick, at $3,	1,068
14 window frames in west wall, at $5,	70
	$4,342

Smoke house and store-room complete.

100,000 brick, at $7,	700	
50 barrels lime, at $4,	200	
Laying 100,000 brick, at $3,	300	
3,000 feet lumber, at $15,	45	
Three frames, doors and windows, at $5,	15	
Framing roof and laying floors,	34	
11 squares roofing, at $4 50,	49	50
	$1,343	50

RECAPITULATION.

For finishing block No. 1,	$475	10
" work on " " 2,	13,567	
" Superintendant's house,	6 416	
" east and west walls,	4,342	
" smoke-house and store-room,	1,343	50
	$26,143	60
" 18 months hauling done by teams, embracing 1,850,000 brick and sand,	1,350	
	$27,493	60

Brick at 50c. per M. is	925	00
Sand,	425	00
	$1,350	00

JAMES GILLASPIE, *Superintendant.*

HUNTSVILLE, Oct. 29, 1853.

DOCUMENT "E," NO. 2.

No.	NAMES.	AGE	Place of NATIVITY.	Term of IMPRIS'T	OFFENCE.	From what COUNTY.	DEATHS.	ESCAPES.	Dis'd on ex. of Term.	PARDONED.	How OCCUPIED.	REMA
3	Thomas Short,	19	Alabama,	2 years.	Horse stealing,	Washington,			Nov. 21, 1851,			
4	Casimero Aco,	25	Laredo,	15 "	Murder, 2d deg	Nueces,						
5	Dionicio Gonzales,	22	do	10 "	"	"						
6	John Southward,	19	Canada,	2 "	Larceny,	Lavaca,			Ap'l 16, 1852,			
9	A. E. Livingston,	40	Pennsylvania,	10 "	Murd'r, 2d deg	Cherokee,						
10	W. Garrett,	42	Louisiana,	4 "	"	Jefferson,				Jan. 28, 1853,		
14	Thos. C. Williams,	30	Alabama,	5 "	Arson,	Jasper,						
15	Thos. Debon,	21	North Carolina,	3 "	Larceny,	Guadalupe,						
18	John McGiven,	28	Ireland,	7 "	Burglary,	Cameron,						
19	Salvador Guererra,	30	Mexico,	10 "	Assault to kill,	"						
20	Edward Quinn,	25	New York,	2 "	Larceny,	"			Jan. 31 1853			
21	John Brady,	27	Ireland,	4 "	"	"		Sept. 22, 1852,				
22	Jose M. Cambos,	26	Mexico,	3 "	Assault to kill,	"					Cook.	
23	Juan Luna,	21	do	2 "	Horse stealing,	"			Jan. 31, 1853,			
24	Edebijo Elsnosa,	31	do	4 "	Assault to kill,	"	Jan. 7, 1852,					
25	Antonio Lopez,	22	do	1 "	Larceny,	Galveston,			Feb. 19, 1852,			
26	Peter Rogers,	26	New York,	2 "	"	"		April 2, 1852.	March 26, '53.			Escd&re
27	John Baker,	19	Ohio,	1yr & 5dys	"	Houston,			March 24, '52.			
28	Francis Sherer,	45	France,	18 months,	"	"			Sept. 20, 1852		Bl'ksmith shop	
29	W. P. Gray,	25	Mississippi,	1 year,	Assault to kill,	Galveston,			March 27, '52,		Unable to work	
31	Peter Duffie,	33	Ireland,	1 "	"	Travis,	Oct. 22, 1851,				Brick yard.	
32	Jas. B. Caywood,	50	N. York,	1 "	Larceny,	Medina,			May 12, 1852,			
33	John Sharp,	18	Tennessee,	1 "	"	Dallas,			June 3, 1852.			
34	John Courts,	20	Texas,	1 "	Horse stealing,	Harris,				May 12, 1852,		
35	W. C. Carter,	23	Alabama,	7 "	Nogro steal'ng	Harrison,						
36	John Risley,	33	Maryland,	18 months,	Larceny.	Houston,	Nov. 8, 1851,					
37	Jesse Kirby,	37	N. Carolina,	3 years,	Assault to kill.	Grimes,				Mar. 31, 1852,		
38	Richard Bennett,	24	Mississippi,	10 "	Murd. 2d deg.	Shelby,		Dec. 4, 1851.				
39	A. W. O'Connell,	43	Ireland,	4 "	"	Walker,				Jan. 28, 1853,		
40	W. Steelman,	19	Georgia,	7 "	Assault to kill.	Henderson,						
41	David Hodges,	34	Kentucky,	1 "	Larceny.	Williamson,			Oct. 11, 1852,			
42	Chas. Wallis,	33	N. York,	2 "	"	Gonzales,						
43	Edward C. Gibson,	42	Tennessee,	5 "	"	Wharton,		Aug. 23, 1852.				Escaped
44	Safarino Tivero,	25	Mexico,	1 "	Larceny,	Starr,			Nov. 5, 1852,			9,'52,re
45	Jesus Lermo,	24	do	1 "	"	"			Nov. 5, 1852,			
46	Pretonelle Robles,	31	do	2 "	"	"						
47	John Wheelan,	18	Ireland,	1 "	Assault to kill.	Travis,			Oct. 25, 1852,			
48	Cornelius Cain,	38	do	7 "	"	Leon,	Jan. 7, 1852					
49	Robert White,	20	Florida,	2½ "	Horse stealing.	"						
50	W. G. Crain,	21	N. York.	1 "	Larceny,	Harris.		July 1. 1852.				
51	Joshua Fairbanks,	47	Vermont,	1 "	"	"			Dec. 10, 1852.			
52	Francis M. Marshall,	23	Tennessee,	5 "	Assault to kill.	Nacogdoches,						
53	Teodoces Rodriguez,	18	Mexico,	2 "	Mare stealing,	Cameron,						
54	Gregoria Robla,	26	do	1 "	Larceny,				Jan. 24, 1853.			
55	Guadalupe Lopez,	23	do	4 "	Forgery,	"						
56	Juan Levra,	20	do	2 "	Horse stealing.	"						Escd&reta
57	Juan Garcia,	45	do	1 "	Larceny,	"			Jan. 24, 1853.			
58	Apolonis Flores,	30	do	2 "	Horse stealing.	"						
59	Calarino Sosa,	29	do	5 "	"	"						
60	Nicholas Hernandez,	20	do	2 "	"	"						
61	Jesus Montes,	25	do	3 "	"	"						
62	Andecicius Pina,	24	do	5 "	Stealing,	"						
63	Manuel Pina,	24	do	5 "	"	"						
64	Jas. Davis,	37	New York,	2 "	Larceny,	Victoria,						
65	Jacob Miller,	39	Virginia,	10 "	Assault to rape	Washington,						
66	W. L. Bryant,	58	Tennessee,	1 "	Assault to kill,	Hopkins,			March 26, '53,			
67	W. McConnell,	31	Ireland,	5 "	"	De Witt.				May 30, 1853,		
68	A. J. Stevenson,	24	Louisiana,	1 "	"	Austin,			April 22, 1853			
69	Ignacio Campo,	30	Mexico,	2 "	Larceny,	Starr,						
70	John W. Smather,	21	N. Carolina,	1 "	"	Red River,			June 2, 1853,			
71	R. Johnson,	41	Kentucky,	5 "	"	Harris,						
72	W. Robertson,	21	Mississippi,	3 "	Horse stealing	Nacogdoches,		Aug. 23, 1852.				
73	Thos. Downey,	27	Ireland,	21 "	Rape,	Bexar,						
74	John O. Grady,	23	do	3 yrs 8mo	Manslaughter.	"						
75	Victoriano Cobassos,	26	Mexico,	5 years.	Murd. 2d deg..	"						
76	Tibnicio Orsuna,	27	do	9 "	"	"						
77	Felipe Lopz,	20	do	4 "	Horse stealing.	"						
78	Louis Gonzales,	20	Mexico,	2 "	"	"						
79	Jim (slave),	18	Kentucky,	3 "	Manslaughter,	"						
80	David Gould,	30	Denmark,	1 "	"	Cameron,				July 9, 1852,		
81	Antonio Ruges,	20	Mexico,	5 "	Horse stealing,	Washington,			June 1, 1853,			
82	Estaban Arambolo,	30	do	1 "	Larceny,	San Patricio,						
83	Thomas Hoskins,	46	Virginia,	4 "	Murd. 2d deg.,	Caldwell,						
84	John Frank,	40	Germany,	1 "	Larceny,	Travis,						
85	John Coleman,	29	Ireland,	3 "	"	Cass,						
86	Peter Collins,	40	Mississippi,	1 "	Murd. 2d deg.,	Walker,						
87	Samuel G. Ward,	34	Virginia,	3 "	Larceny,	Upshur,				Nov. 15, '53.		
88	Wm. Hughes,	21	Tennessee,	3 "	"	"						
89	Wm. Benear,	30	Virginia.	15 "	Murd. 2d deg.,	Limestone,						
90	Antonio Domingo,	38	Mexico,	2 "	Horse stealing,	Fayette,						
91	Massilon Farley,	44	N. Hampshire,	8 "	Rape,	Williamson,						
92	Martin Hilmath,	40	Germany,	1 "	Larceny,	Bexar,						
93	Gregorio Cardenas,	15	Texas,	4 "	"	"						
94	George Green,	31	N. York,	1 "	Manslaughter,	Nueces,						
95	John Hunly,	22	do	18 months,	Robbery,	"						
96	Geo. Williams,	25	do	3 years,	Larceny,	Fort Bend,						
97	Davis C. Mithell.	25	Kentucky,	5 "	Assault to kill.	Brazoria,						
98	Wm. Mackey,	34	Maryland,	5 "	"	Liberty,						
99	Jas Burns,	22	England,	3 "	Murd. 2d deg.,	Galveston,						
100	B. F. Henderson,	21	Mississippi,	1 "	Larceny,	"						
101	Jas. Smith,	22	England,	1 "	"	Bexar,						
102	Geo. Wells,	23	Vermont,	1 "	R'd stol.goods,	"						
103	Tomas Arispe,	30	Mexico,	2 "	Burglary,	"						
104	Heginio Salazar,	20	do	7 "	Larceny,	Cameron,						
105	Matias Borgas,	37	Matamoras,	2 "	Ox stealing,	"						
106	Andres Pana,	21	Mexico,	1 "	Burglary, &c.,	"						
107	Teofilo Marquez,	19	do	3 "	Larceny,	"						
108	Cristoval Castenao,	28	do	5 "	"	"						
109	Jose Angelas Salas,	19	do	3 "	"	"						
110	James Henry,	25	Ohio,	4 "	Horse stealing,	Red River,						
111	Wm. Russell,	20	Missouri,	3 "	Larceny,	Victoria,						
112	Wm. M. Ward,	17	Tennessee,	2 "	"	Titus,						

There are no females at this time in the Penitentiary.

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DOCUMENT "E," NO. 2.

Cash receipts of JOHN S. BESSER, *Agent for Penitentiary, and disbursements made by him from Oct. 1st, 1852, to Dec. 31, 1852.*

Oct. 1,	Balance on hand, per former exhibit,	$153 84		
	For cutting pants,	25		
4,	One desk and cot,	5 50		
8,	Balance due from Sims and Smith,	7 50		
"	Repairs on wagon,	16 00		
"	cutting coat,	75		
11	Making two pairs of pants,	3 00		
"	" one " "	1 50		
14	Cutting "	25		
15	Making "	2 00		
"	Amount received from convict No. 82,	1 25		
16	Sundries,	3 50		
17	Balance on W. Edmondson's account,	1 00		
18	Cutting coat and pants,	1 10		
20	Making coat (in part),	5 00		
22	Balance on P. J. Simons' account,	2 75		
24	Making coat and pants, and cutting pants,	8 40		
25	Amount receivd from convict No. 87,	5 00		
"	Cutting pants,	40		
28	" " repairing coat,	65		
Nov. 1,	Making coat, &c.,	9 20		
3	Cutting coat,	50		
6	Making pants,	1 50		
9	Amount from State Treasurer,		2,171	42
10	Repairs on wagon,	1 50		
11	Making two pairs of pants,	3 50		
13.	Amount of account of W. N. Mock,	6 00		
15	Repairs on wagon,	20 00		
17	Cutting pants,	50		
20	Making vest and repairing coat,	4 50		
24	Amount of account of Crabb & Randolph,	11 75		
26	Cutting coat,	50		
27	One wagon,	100 00		

"	Balance on J. G. Shaw's account,	2 59	
30	Cutting coat,	50	
"	Am't refunded, over charge "Jack Hays,"	6 42	
"	Bills receivable R. Matthews,	42 00	
Dec. 1,	Sharpening saw,	50	
3	Making pants and cutting coat,	2 75	
4	One wagon,	80 00	
10	Cutting pants,	40	
11	Two small tables,	3 00	
"	Part of J. P. Lehr's account,	5 00	
14	Repairs on coat,	1 00	
15	Cutting coat and pants,	1 25	
17	do. do. do.	1 00	
18	Amount from convict No. 91,	26 60	
20	D. G. Campbell's account (in part),	6 50	
25	Balance on M. Estill's account,	1 58	
28	do. do. J. P. Lehr's do.	5 00	
"	Amount H. Yoakum's do.	2 00	
"	do. J. M. Evans' do.	1 25	
"	do. from T. A. Finney's do.	22 40	
29	do. F. D. Thornton's do.	1 00	
"	Repairing coat and cloak,	1 95	
30	James A. Baker's account,	2 60	
31	Repairing coat,	1 00	
	Omitted.		
Oct. 30,	Balance on J. G. Shaw's account for cutting coat,	1 50	
Nov. 30,	Balance E. A. Harper's do.	12 50	
			611 29
			$2,782 71

From what source.

From appropriation,	2,171 42	
" work, &c., made and sold,	457 45	
" balance on hand last quarter,	153 84	
	2,782 71	

Disbursements.

1852		
June 22,	By amount paid for hauling,	$1 04
Oct. 4,	Paid for postage,	05
8	for one box candles,	11 60
9	John Bennet, guard,	7 00

"	J. Hume's acc't for blacksmithing,	11	20
"	R. L. Brooks, guard,	5	00
"	R. B. Ingraham do.,	3	00
11	for hauling 758 lbs. from Houston,	7	58
"	discharged convict, No. 41,	5	00
16	wagoner for P. Hodges,	4	50
19	for burning brick four nights,	3	00
25	for wagon spokes,	1	00
"	discharged convict, No. 47,	6	00
26	James Gillaspie, Superintendent,	40	00
30	for box candles and rice,	12	60
Nov. 3,	A. S. Milliken, guard,	20	00
"	W. H. Price, do.	20	00
"	John B. Moore, wagon timber,	8	78
"	John S. Besser, Agent,	50	00
6	62 bushels coal,	3	72
15	Expense account of ag't to Austin,	34	00
16	Thomas Brown, guard,	20	00
"	Gray Franklin, do.	20	00
"	A. S. Milliken, do.	20	00
24	hauling 6,145 lbs. from Houston,	38	40
"	A. C. Logan, guard,	15	00
"	discharged convicts, Nos. 45 and 46,		50
"	J. T. Chrismas, guard per order,	19	60
27	A. S. Milliken do. do.	5	00
"	J. T. Chrismas, do. do.	10	00
"	55 bushels coal,	5	23
"	Peter Royal on account of rations,	200	00
Dec. 1,	for hunting oxen,	2	50
6	James Besser, guard,	10	00
10	discharged convict, No. 51,	5	00
"	A. S. Milliken, guard,	6	50
17	burning brick,	15	75
"	24 bushels coal,	1	44
"	W. H. Price, guard,	20	00
"	freight on case shoes from Houston,	1	40
"	Rice & Nichols, old account,	77	10
"	W. M. Rice & Co., per acc. rend'd,	557	77
"	do. do. do.	29	65
"	E. B. Nichols & Co., do.	1	00
"	Brown & Kirkland, do.	140	14
"	J. P. Davie, do.	6	50
"	E. B. Nichols & Co., do.	262	87
"	do. do. on acc't of lime,	175	00

"	Expense acc't of Ag't to Galveston,	30 75	
20	Gray Franklin, guard,	71 00	
"	freight and charges on clothing,	5 71	
22	Thomas Brown, guard,	18 50	
"	postage account,	05	
23	E. H. Allen's clothing account,	5 00	
"	blotting paper,	20	
25	James Besser, guard,	66 00	
"	83 bushels coal,	4 15	
"	Geo. N. Graves, wagon timber,	39 70	
"	W. Brooks, guard, order D. Hollis,	40 00	
28	E. H. Allen, acc't as brickmason,	125 00	
"	R. Smither, per order P. Royal, ration account,	50 00	
"	74 bushels coal	4 44	
31	A. P. Wiley, Director,	25 00	
"	Binford &. Co, per account render'd,	18 74	
			2,425 66
	Balance on hand,		357 05
	Total,		$2,782 71

Statement of sales by JOHN S. BESSER, *Agent Penitentiary, from Oct.* 1*st*, 1852, *to Dec.* 31*st*, 1852.

Oct. 1,	To cutting pants,	25
2	Making do.	2 00
"	2 pairs do.	4 50
"	Making coat,	6 00
"	do. pants,	1 50
4	do. wagon bed,	3 00
"	do. one desk and cot,	5 50
8	63 lbs. meal,	72
9	Making wagon tongue,	2 50
"	Repairing wagon,	16 00
"	Cutting coat,	75
"	Making four pairs pants,	6 50
"	do. coat,	7 00
11	do. bench,	1 50
"	do. axle-tree and ironing,	4 25
"	do. one wagon,	100 00
14	Cutting pants,	25
15	Making do.	2 00
16	do. do. and repairing coat,	2 50
"	do. pants,	2 00

18	To Cutting coat and pants,	1 10
"	1 bedstead,	6 00
"	Cutting coat and pants,	75
19	12½ lbs. sheet iron,	1 25
"	Cutting coat and pants,	75
"	do. pants,	40
22	1 table,	3 50
24	Making pants,	2 00
"	2 bushels meal,	1 00
"	Cutting pants,	40
"	1 pair hours,	3 00
"	making pants,	2 00
"	cutting coat,	50
"	do. 2 pairs pants,	80
"	making do.	2 00
"	do. coat,	5 00
25	cutting pants,	40
26	ring and two staples,	2 00
28	cutting pants and repairing coat,	65
30	do. coat,	50
"	20 feet oak lumber,	50
"	making coat and two pairs pants,	10 00
"	cutting do.	50
"	making do.	6 00
Nov. 3	material sold,	70
"	wood work on wagon,	37 00
"	cutting coat,	50
"	1½ bushel meal,	75
"	cutting coat and pants,	1 15
"	making wagon bed and staples,	3 50
"	trundle-bedstead,	2 50
6	making pants and cutting coat,	2 00
"	do. over-coat and do. do.	8 50
10	1 bedstead,	6 00
"	1 small table,	2 00
"	repairs on wagon,	1 50
11	making pants,	2 00
"	78 lbs. sheet iron, &c.,	8 05
13	repairs on coat,	2 00
"	repairing and cutting coat,	2 25
"	making do.	5 00
"	trundle bedstead,	2 50
"	1 staple and 2 rods,	1 25
15	1 lot old tin,	2 00

"	To repairing wagon,	20 00
17	1 bushel meal,	50
"	cutting pants and teaster frame,	1 00
20	1 lounge,	4 00
"	making two pairs pants,	4 00
"	repairing coat,	60
"	making vest and repairing coat,	4 50
24	2 bushels meal,	1 00
26	one houn,	1 50
"	tongue and houns,	4 50
"	filling wheel and setting tire,	6 50
"	wood work for wagon and tongue band,	40 75
"	cutting coat,	50
27	one wagon,	100 00
"	cutting coat and repairing 4 pairs pants,	2 50
"	repairing two pairs pants and vest,	1 00
"	making coat, pants, and repairing coat,	9 00
"	cutting coat,	50
Dec. 1,	sharpening saw,	50
3	making pants and cutting coat,	2 75
4	one wagon,	80 00
"	making vest,	2 50
"	do. coat and pants,	9 00
"	do. and repairing do.	2 75
"	1 bedstead,	6 00
6	two pieces kersey,	13 58
"	cutting 4 negro coats,	2 00
"	one wagon and bed,	105 00
10	making vest and cutting pants,	2 90
11	do. and repairing coat,	7 50
"	repairing two pairs pants and one vest,	2 00
"	cutting do.	40
"	two small tables,	3 00
"	wagon bed,	8 00
14	repairing coat and cutting coat and pants,	2 25
17	cutting do. and do.	1 00
18	making do.	7 00
"	cutting do. and do.	75
"	2½ bushels meal,	1 25
28	1 axletree,	75
"	150 bricks,	1 50
"	cutting coat,	50
"	making two coats and pants,	16 00
"	repairing pants,	50

"	To repairing coat,	1 00	
"	two pieces sheet iron	2 60	
31	repoiring coat and cloak,	1 95	
			$798 15

Purchases made by JOHN S. BESSER, *Agent for Penitentiary, from Oct.* 1*st*, 1852, *to Dec.* 31*st*, 1852.

Oct. 1,	21 lbs. iron of T. & S. Gibbs,	$1	47
"	16 do. nails, Rogers, Perkins & Co.,	1	12
2	2½ yards bagging, J. C. & S. R. Smith,		50
"	1,900 shingles do.	8	55
"	10 combs, T. & S. Gibbs,	1	00
4	6 lbs. peaches, do.		66
"	½ do. tea, do.		50
"	3 do. red lead, D. J. Ransom,		60
"	hay for mattresses, Peter Royal,	3	00
"	145 lbs. cotton for do., Jas. T. Sims,	18	62
"	579 wagon spokes, John B. Moore,	11	58
6	2 lbs. venetian red, B. S. Wilson,		20
"	1⅜ inch sash chisel, do.		57
"	½ lb. red lead, D. J. Ransom,		10
"	630 spokes, John B. Moore,	12	60
7	2 pairs trace chains, T. & S. Gibbs,	1	61
8	50 feet 8x10 glass, do.	2	75
"	4 lbs. putty, D. J. Ransom,		40
"	1 box (40 lbs.) candles, Binford & Co.,	11	60
9	1 5 quire blank b ok, T. & S. Gibbs,	2	25
"	2 lbs. grass rope, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		40
11	8 bed screws, do. do.		50
"	506 lbs. iron, at 4 c., W. M. Rice & Co.	20	24
"	182 do. do. do. do.	7	28
14	5 papers needles, J. C. & S. R. Smith,		50
15	flax thread, R. Smither,		50
19	1 paper lamp black, T. & S. Gibbs,		15
"	2 chambers, R. Smither,	1	13
"	3 padlocks, Rogers, Perkins & Co.,	1	13
22	1 sett castors trundle bedstead, do.		50
"	2 wood knobs, do.		5
"	1 sett 3½ inch wagon boxes, B. S. Wilson,	1	00
"	2 chambers, R. Smither,	1	25
"	10 yds. ticking, do.	1	50
"	1 pair blankets, do.	4	00
24	3 chambers, do.	1	87
25	wagon spokes, per boy,	1	00

26	47½ lbs. iron, T. & S. Gibbs,	3	32
27	2 1½ inch chisels, do.	1	25
28	1 bench screw, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		38
30	10 lbs. rice, Binford & Co.	12	60
"	1 box (40 lbs.) candles, do.	11	60
Nov. 3,	one padlock, Rogers, Perkins & Co.	1	00
"	504 wagon spokes, John B. Moore,	1	00
6	62 bushels coal, James Hogan,	3	72
"	2 setts castors, T. & S. Gibbs,	1	00
"	2 spools thread do.		20
9	one handsaw do.	3	37
"	one plane bitt, do.		25
"	2 handsaw files, R. Smither,		20
"	one pencil, do.		15
12	one half-inch chisel, do.		25
"	one trying square,		40
"	one auger-bitt, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		30
"	11 lbs. rope, do. do.	2	20
15	2 boxes candles,(60 lbs.) T. & S. Gibbs,	17	32
"	1¼ dozen chambers, do.	4	06
"	105 lbs. tobacco, do.	21	00
"	one pair strap hinges, R. Smither,		38
"	one stock lock, T. & S. Gibbs,		80
"	one hoe, do.		50
17	2 setts wagon boxes, R. Smither,	2	50
20	one and half lbs. putty, do.		10
25	2 lbs. patent thread, T. & S. Gibbs,	2	65
"	6 gross pant buttons, do.	1	32
"	2 doz. spools thread, do.		80
"	4 gross shirt buttons, do.		56
26	one desk lock, do.		25
"	63 feet ash lumber, George N. Graves,	1	26
"	82 do. oak do. do.	1	64
"	6 wagon tongues, do.	3	00
"	15 axles, do.	11	25
"	6 do. rough. do.	3	00
"	18 coupling tongues, do.	6	75
"	640 wagon spokes, do.	12	80
27	one fore plane, R. Smither,	2	00
"	6 handsaw files, do.		60
"	35 bushels coal, W. Williams,	2	10
"	50 do do. Maxcy's Roderick,	3	13
30	one pound Castile soap, D. J Ransom,		37
"	4½ do. chalk, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		45

"	do. band iron, T. & S. Gibbs,	3	29
Dec. 1,	one qt. whiskey, D. J. Ransom,		38
6	3⅓ do. lamp oil, R. Smither,	3	90
"	one ball wick, do,		10
7	1 bunch bricklayer's lines, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		60
8	25 lbs. iron, T. & S. Gibbs,	1	75
"	38 pairs 9-4 mackinaw blankets, W. M. Rice & Co.	95	00
"	20 pairs common width, do.	49	50
"	4 wrappers and baleing do.	3	00
"	8 pieces (344¼ yds.) mixed cottonades, at 18 c. W. M. Rice & Co.	62	06
"	5 do. white kendal kerseys, 180 yds., at 17 c., do.	31	58
"	5 ps blk Wash'n Jeans, 185 yds. 15c. W. M. Rice & Co.,	28	72
"	1 do. mariner's shirt stripe, 35 do. 9 do. do.	3	33
"	1 bale do. do. 687 do. do. do.	65	26
"	1 case $1, cooperage and cartage 56c.	1	56
"	insurance to Galveston on $374 at 2 pr ct	7	48
"	com. for purchasing at 2½ per ct on $340	8	69
"	freight and charges to and at Galveston,	7	40
"	bricklayers' lines, R. Smither,		38
"	6 glass lamps, W. M. Rice & Co.	6	00
"	50 boxes tin at 9 50, do	475	00
"	ins. on $550 at 2 per cent. do	11	00
"	76 lbs tin, at 25c. do	19	38
"	cartage, do	1	25
"	freight & charges from N. Y. to Houston,	37	50
"	commission for purchasing at 2½ per ct.	13	64
"	one hollow auger, E. B. Nichols & Co.	1	00
9	2,298 lbs iron at 4c. Brown & Kirkland,	91	92
"	one sett wagon boxes, do	1	25
"	one doz padlocks, do	10	00
"	7 keg nails, do	31	50
"	wharfage and drayage at Galveston,	2	70
"	one dozen padlocks, J. Shackelford,	9	50
10	1 cask sides, nett 790 lbs. at 10c E. B. Nichols & Co.	82	95
"	1 bbl. sugar 252 lbs, at 6c E.B.N. & Co.	15	12
"	4 do. Ohio flour, at $5 50, do.	22	00
"	1 do. molasses, 41 gals. at 22c do.	9	02
"	1 do. vinegar, 40 do. 16c do.	6	40

"	1 sack coffee, 163 lbs. 10c do.	17	12
"	2 boxes tobacco, 109 & 104 lbs. at 22c E. B. Nichols & Co.	46	86
"	1 bbl. winter S. lamp oil, 41 gals. at $1,	46	13
"	3 boxes soap, 144 lbs, at 4c,	6	84
"	wharfage and drayage at Galveston,	1	75
	Insurance on $280 at 1 per cent.	4	90
"	policy, E. B. Nichols,		50
"	insurance on Brown & Kirkland and J. P. Davie's bills, $165, at 1 per cent.	2	88
"	5 setts wagon boxes, J. P. Davie,	6	50
"	10 lbs. hoop iron, T. & S. Gibbs,		70
11	24 bushels coal, Campbell's boy,	1	44
"	12 doz. wool hats, at $5 50, per doz. Groesbeck, Rice & Co.	66	00
"	10 do wool socks, at $3 25, do.	32	50
"	22 pr do. do. 2 50, do.	4	58
"	20 pr do. do. 2 75, do.	4	59
	2 cases,	1	50
13	6 axes, at $1 25, R. Smither,	7	50
"	13 lbs. chain, at 10c do.	1	35
"	one lock chain, do.		80
"	26 lbs. iron, T. & S. Gibbs,	1	82
"	3 do. nails, do.		21
14	one quart whiskey, D. J. Ransom,		20
15	7 axle-trees, Silas Morgan,	3	50
"	2 bolsters do.		50
"	one white-wash brush, R. Smither,		65
"	12 buckles for pants, do.		25
"	one hand hammer, do.		50
"	one file, do.		75
17	one plane bit, T. & S. Gibbs,		65
18	39 yds. domestic at 9c, R. Smither,	3	58
"	one paper sprigs, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		15
20	222½ lbs. iron, R. Smither,	15	57
"	5 lbs. nails, do.		35
"	90 yds ticking, T. & S. Gibbs,	13	50
"	139 yds domestic, at 11c, R. Smither,	15	98
"	3 gals. L. oil, do	3	75
21	4 balls shoe thread, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		36
"	2 locks at $1, R. Smither,	2	00
"	1½ gross screws, do.		75
"	5 pairs butt hinges do.	1	25
"	one dozen gimlets, R. Smither,		75

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Dec. 21,	4 large bolts, Rogers, Perkins & Co.	$1 30	
"	4 lbs. chrome green, D. J. Ransom & Co.	2 40	
"	15½ lbs. sole leather, Willie & Co.	3 81	
"	2 sides upper do. do.	6 00	
"	one deer skin, do.	1 00	
"	83 bushels coal, Maxcy's boy,	4 15	
23	blotting paper, Jacob Myers,	20	
"	10 wood screws, T. & S. Gibbs,	10	
"	one bolt, Rogers, Perkins & Co.	35	
"	6 slate pencils, T. & S. Gibbs,	10	
"	12 roller buckles, do	20	
"	one small file, do	10	
24	one trowel, R. Smither,	1 00	
"	5 pounds nails, Rogers, Perkins & Co.	35	
"	2 carpenter's pencils, R. Smither, . .	40	
28	1,418 ft oak lumber, at $2, King & Lehr,	28 34	
"	4,526 do do $1 75 do	79 20	
"	25,044 do pine do at $10 do	313 06	
"	1,441 lbs pork, at $6, John McAdams,	86 46	
"	one sack fine salt, T. & S. Gibbs,	4 00	
"	74 bushels coal, black boy,	4 44	
29	4 paint brushes, D. J. Ransom,	1 80	
"	278½ lbs iron, $4 87½, T. & S. Gibbs,	13 58	
"	925 do do $7, do	64 75	
"	100 do tobacco, at 20c do	20	
30	one sack (163 lbs) coffee, at 11c Binford & Co.	18 74	
"	one bbl (46 gals) molasses, at 37½c B. S. Wilson,	17 25	
31	one molasses gate, R. Smither,	1 00	
"	one brush, do	40	
"	3 gallons L. oil, do	3 75	
"	one box soap, T. & S. Gibbs,	3 12	
"	one bbl flour, do	7 75	
"	do sugar, 202 lbs,	15 00	
"	one oil can, P. J. Simons,	20	
"	one axletree, Silas Morgan,	75	
"	28 bolsters, do	10 50	
"	4 houns do	1 00	
"	2 lbs litharge, D. J. Ransom,	48	
"	2 do chrome green, do	1 20	
"	2 gals tar, R. Smither,	1 00	
			$2,528 20

Amount brought forward,	$2,528 20	
Less 5 per cent. cash, for purchases,	6 73	
Amount of purchases during quarter,	$2,521 47	
Oct. 1, add 2 new buckets, omitted, R. P. & Co.	2 75	
		$2,524 22

The Agent submits the following statement of incidental expenses incurred by Penitentiary, in addition to purchases:

Oct. 1,	John Hume's blacksmith account for preceding years, not heretofore rendered,	$11 20
"	Hauling coal, J. T. Christmas,	1 00
4	"Western Texan's" account adv'g escaped convict,	4 00
11	hauling 758 lbs freight, James Pearce,	7 58
19	burning brick at night, Hodge,	3 00
"	6 days hand to drive wagon, and board, Hodge,	4 50
22	hauling 3,398 feet lumber, Hollis & Allen, at 15c	4 90
30	do 640 lbs freight, James Hogan,	4 80
"	"San Antonio Ledger," advertising escapes,	4 00
Nov. 1,	hauling 6,620 feet lumber by sundries,	9 92
15	do 22 barrels lime, balance on same,	11 00
"	expense account of Agent to Austin,	44 00
17	hauling 7,596 feet lumber, Hollis & Fullenwider,	11 38
24	do 6,145 lbs freight, A. W. King,	38 40
27	do sand, J. T. Christmas,	3 00
Dec. 1,	expense hunting oxen,	2 50
11	hands burning brick at night,	15 75
17	freight on case shoes, T. & S. Gibbs,	1 40
"	expense account of Agent to Galveston,	30 75
20	hauling 3,392 feet lumber by sundries,	5 07
"	freight and charges on clothing from Galveston,	5 71
"	10 lbs bacon deficiency in rations,	1 50
22	postage,	05
"	hauling 1,358 feet lumber, E. H. Allen,	2 03
24	printing handbills, A. J. McGown,	2 00
31	9 lbs iron elbows, for roof and stove, P. J. Simons,	2 25
"	26 do solder, do	10 40
"	8 square & 75 feet roofing smoke and store house, do	39 37
"	9 feet conductors, do	1 12
"	one elbow, do	25
"	repairs on three lamps, do	75
"	hauling 51 cords of wood at 75c, E. H. Allen,	38 25

Dec. 31,	hauling one load scaffold poles, E. H. Allen,	$ 75
"	making 41 shirts per ladies,	8 20
"	2 days hauling, J. T. Christmas,	6 00
"	hauling two loads coal, do	4 00
"	teamster 2 mo 6 days, at $21 per mo, J. Gillaspie's,	46 20
"	repairing vice, R. Smither,	3 00
Incidental and contingent expenses,		$391 98

Pay of Officers and Employees.

Superintendent,	James Gillaspie,	$250 00
Directors,	R. Smither,	25 00
"	W. M. Barrett,	25 00
"	A. P. Wiley,	25 00
Agent,	John S. Besser,	150 00
Physician,	C. G. Keenan,	106 87
Master workman,	David Hollis, wagon-maker,	150 00
" "	E. H. Allen, brick layer,	180 00
Clothing Contractor,	Thomas Gibbs,	288 50
Ration "	Peter Royal,	997 45
Sergeant of Guard,	Gray Franklin,	91 00
" "	Jackson Farris,	1 69
Steward,	J. P. Harrison,	105 00
Guard,	R. L. Brooks,	5 00
"	John Bennett,	7 00
"	R. B. Ingraham,	3 00
"	J. Farris, extra services,	1 00
"	W. H. Price,	78 00
"	Thomas Brown,	68 00
"	James Besser,	76 00
"	J. Farris,	90 00
"	J. T. Christmas,	90 00
"	W. Brooks,	90 00
"	A. S. Milliken,	90 00
"	J. F. P. Crockett,	84 00
"	A. C. Logan,	72 00
"	Charles Derrick,	16 00
"	Jackson Price,	12 00
"	Hiram Harrison,	9 00
"	B. B. Thompson,	10 00
"	Alex. Matthews,	6 09
		$3,202 49

Transportation of Convicts.

Oct. 15, San Patricio County,		John Hart,	Sheriff,	$167 00
16 Caldwell	do	J. H. Greenwood	do	94 50
19 Travis	do	Geo. W. Scott	do	87 00
25 Cass	do	W. H. Crow	do	70 00
25 Upshur	do	O. E. Roberts	do	129 50
Nov. 10, Limestone	do	M. A. Tucker	do	51 00
20 Fayette	do	J. Moore	do	37 00
Dec. 18, Williamson	do	A. J. Strickland	do	87 00
				$3,925 49

RECAPITULATION.

Cash receipts from appropriation, &c.	$2,782 71	
" disbursements	2,425 66	
Balance on hand	357 05	$2,782 71
Sales made, &c.	798 15	
Purchases made		2,524 22
Incidental and contingent expenses		391 92
Pay of officers and employees	1,916 54	
" for rations, $997 45—clothing, $288 50	1,285 95	3,202 49
Transportation of convicts		723 00
Cash to discharged convicts		16 50
Gross expense of quarter		$6,858 19

In the foregoing list of purchases made and on hand at beginning of first quarter of 1853:

Provisions	$386 78
Clothing	512 21
Tin &c. for roofing	446 22
Iron, nails, &c.	140 00
Lumber, say	300 00
	$1,785 21

All of which materials are for the completion of the Penitentiary.

Respectfully submitted to Superintendent and Directors of the Texas Penitentiary.

JOHN S. BESSER, *Agent.*

HUNTSVILLE, Jan. 1, 1853.

Cash receipts of Agent for quarter ending March 31, 1853.

1853.			
Jan. 1,	From William Reeves for work	$15	00
3	R. Matthews do	42	18
5	For repairs on vest		50
8	do coat		50
15	cutting do		75
"	From John G. Burden	32	50
"	For repairing coat	2	00
"	cutting pants		50
20	From R. Archer	3	00
"	appropriation	5298	00
22	John G. Burden, balance	4	50
"	W. McClintock, work	4	00
24	For one bedstead	6	00
"	one table	3	50
"	From L. O. Black do		50
"	J. G. Stewart do	7	50
25	J. M. Rountree do		50
26	For repairs on coat	1	00
27	making vest	2	50
28	From C. S. Hamilton do &c.	4	75
"	W. Reeves, balance	9	46
29	For making pants	2	00
30	From R. Rawls, balance	4	50
Feb. 1,	B. A. Oliphant, for materials	2	25
"	Samuel McKinney, work	12	50
2	Isaac Tousey do	5	55
12	W. T. Bell do	3	50
16	George Robinson do	2	50
"	Mr. Rhodes do	100	00
18	D. W. Mock do		50
"	John Hume, Admr, appropriation	575	77
"	John Branch, work	40	00
23	Mr. Inge do	12	00
Mar. 7,	B. W. Robinson do	2	60
9	For tailor's board	4	00
11	making pants	2	00
17	two barrels lime sold	10	00
17	one peck peas		25
18	John Brooks on account of wagon work	35	00
24	one bushel lime	2	00
30	Richard Rawls on account of work	9	00
		6,265	06

Amount brought forward,		$6,265 07
Balance on hand last quarter,		357 05
Amount received		$6,622 11
To wit: from appropriation,	$5,873 77	
Sales,	391 29	
Cash balance,	357 05	
	$6,622 11	

Cash Disbursements.

1853.		
Jan. 5,	Paid Jergins, painting	$2 00
8	black boys, burning brick	5 25
"	do do 33 bushels coal	1 98
10	for 1¼ lb beeswax	32
15	David Hollis, making shirts	50
"	E. H. Allen, bricklayer,	100 27
"	J. T. Christmas, guard	27 34
"	James Gillaspie, Superintendent, &c.	298 05
"	C. G. Keenan, Physician, balance	102 87
"	D. Hollis, wagon workman	51 98
"	A. C. Logan, guard	57 00
"	A. S. Milliken do balance	17 75
"	H. Harrison do do	9 00
"	Jackson Farris do	91 87
"	Charles Derrick do	16 00
"	Jackson Price do	12 00
"	W. Brooks do do	46 65
"	F. P. Crockett do	84 00
"	B. B. Thompson, do	10 00
"	J. P. Harrison, Steward, balance	87 33
"	John S. Besser, Agent do	81 75
19	W. H. Price, guard do	35 50
"	P. J. Simons' balance account rendered	43 19
"	Isaac Sutton, five bushels peas	5 00
"	James Dean, 21 do 3 peck peas	21 75
"	W. M. Rice & Co. on account	476 00
"	O. H. P. Walker, per order Milliken	10 00
"	D. J. Ransom, per account rendered	7 85
"	Rogers, Perkins & Co. do do	13 34
"	R. Smither, per account and order	222 72
"	T. & S. Gibbs do do	720 65
"	B. S. Wilson do rendered	19 02

1853.

Jan. 19,	Paid John McAdams for pork per order	$86	46
"	Peter Royal, rations, balance	114	45
"	do do per order, &c.	8	00
"	Sheriff of Limestone, per order	51	00
"	James Gillaspie, per order Royal, rations	212	50
"	by Agent expense account	58	00
21	J. P. Harrison, Steward	2	00
24	discharged convicts, Nos. 54 and 57	10	00
"	J. C. & S. R. Smith, balance account rend'd	1	40
"	J. T. Christmas, guard, per order	20	84
"	J. B. Moore, wagon spokes	5	30
25	Peter High, hauling lime	8	40
"	Alex. Hightower do do	4	90
"	W. M. Barrett, Director, bal	15	76
"	Jacob Myers, bottle ink		30
26	S. M. Jenkins, hauling lime	2	10
28	discharged convict, No.	5	00
"	King & Lehr, account rendered for lumber	396	84
"	J. P. Harrison, Steward	20	00
29	T, J. Carson for pork	53	05
"	Jackson Price, guard	30	50
31	discharged convicts, Nos, 20 and 23	20	00
"	Peter Royal, hauling lime	30	00
"	Wm. T. Derrick, guard	20	00
Feb. 2	H. Harrison do	20	00
"	A. S. Miliken do	20	00
"	W. Brooks do	32	50
4	for making shirts, McGown	4	00
10	John McAdams, for pork per order	316	93
11	Peter High, hauling lime	10	50
12	black boy, hauling board timber		50
"	A. W. O'Connell, account rendered	18	25
"	for sage		20
16	A. W. O'Connell, balance on account	15	50
18	black boys, burning coal	3	50
"	A. C. Logan, guard	10	00
22	Sheriff of Bexar, transportation of convicts	128	00
"	"Western Texan," adv. escaped convict	6	00
"	"San Anto. Ledger," adv. escaped convict	4	00
24	A. S. Miliken, guard	10	
"	Thomas Flood, hauling lime	8	40
28	F. Pomeroy, freight and storage on account	100	00
Mar. 1	B. W. Robinson, for pork	199	45

1853.

Mar. 3,	Paid black boys for 591 spokes	$11	82
"	Peter Cline, hauling lime	66	60
"	James A. Cabiness do do balance	58	35
7	David Hollis, wagon workman	20	00
"	James T. Christmas, guard	6	25
"	A. S. Miliken "	6	25
8	T. & S. Gibbs, on account rendered	101	31
"	W. M. Rice, on account of lime	650	
9	J. T. Christmas, per order, guard	26	
11	Binford & Co. acccount rendered	14	50
"	for vegetables		50
12	Expense of Agent to Cincinnati	1	50
"	J. H. Smith, account for rope	5	20
"	for wagon tongues	1	
13	for vegetables		50
22	do		50
23	for making 10 shirts	2	00
"	John S. Besser, Agent	135	
25	William Menshew, wagon lumber, &c.	63	32
"	Mr. Reeves, horse hire to hunt a mule	1	
26	discharged convicts, Nos. 26 and 66	20	
"	H. M. Watkins, for meal	78	26
"	black boy for wagon tongue		50
"	Sylvanus Abbott do do	5	38
29	P. J. Simons, making shirts	2	
30	Peter and Ben, black boys, burning coal	5	
31	R. L. Brooks, balance on hauling	17	93
"	John Brooks, on account of do	7	50
		6,071	88
	Cash balance,	550	23
		$6,622	11

Work &c. made and sold during quarter ending March 31, '53.

1853.

Jan. 1,	To repairing two coats and one vest	$1	50
"	making pants	2	
"	one wagon	120	
3	meal and peas		50
5	one axe handle		20
"	half bushel meal		28

1853.

Jan. 5,	To repairing vest	$0	50
8	repairing sundry clothes	4	
"	making two vests and one pair pants	7	50
"	do pants, &c.	2	25
"	one pair shoes	1	50
10	two bedsteads	12	
"	work on wagon	11	50
"	one and a half bushel meal		84
15	work on wagon	4	50
"	cutting coat and repairs on do	2	75
"	making pants and cutting do	2	50
"	cutting do and repairing coat	1	
"	repairing coat	1	50
"	making pants and table	4	
"	cutting do		50
18	one bushel meal		56
"	four bedsteads	24	
"	one pair shoes and half bushel meal	1	78
21	22 lbs nails	1	16
"	one table	4	
"	work on wagon	7	95
"	half bushel meal and repairs on hinges		75
"	making coat and pants	6	
"	do pants and repairs	2	50
"	do vests	3	
24	one small table	2	
"	one bedstead and table	9	50
"	half bushel peas		50
"	one wheelbarrow	6	
25	cutting pants		50
26	repairing coat and half bushel meal	1	28
28	meal and peas	1	06
29	making pants, two pairs	4	
"	do coat and materials	30	
31	one small table	2	50
"	one trace chain	1	
"	one wagon	75	
"	half bushel meal and gallon vinegar		58
"	one wagon	75	
Feb. 3,	half bushel meal		28
"	one trundle bedstead	3	50
"	work on wagon	9	
5	two pairs shoes	3	

1853.			
Feb. 7,	To one bushel meal	$0	56
8	330 bricks	3	30
"	one small lable	2	50
9	work on wagon	19	
"	making coat	10	
"	one piece (40 yards) kersey, at 22c	8	80
10	making 6 pairs pants	17	
"	do vest	3	
"	do do boys	2	50
"	4 bbls lime	20	
"	one table	3	50
"	making vest	3	
12	meal		34
"	making shafts for cart, &c.	4	
"	two bedsteads	12	
"	molasses and vinegar		66
14	half bushel meal		28
15	one pair shoes and molasses	3	38
16	convict labor	10	
"	one wagon	100	
18	molasses		47
21	mending boots and nails	1	14
23	two bedsteads and one table	12	
24	half bushel meal		28
28	two hoe handles		50
"	meal		42
"	do		28
Mar. 1,	one wagon	75	
2	one bedstead	6	
"	one bbl lime	5	
"	work on two bedsteads with screws	5	20
"	one hoe handle		25
3	work on wagon	3	25
"	making hames		50
"	three bedsteads	15	50
5	half bushel meal		28
"	three-fourth bushel meal, and 1,800 bricks	13	02
"	one bbl lime, and convict labor	11	50
8	half bushel meal, and nails	1	38
9	5,000 bricks, at $10 per M.	50	
10	one tailor's board	4	
12	hand rake, and half bushel meal		65
"	12 lbs nails		66

1853.

Mar. 13,	To 30 lights 8x10 glass	$1	20
"	half bushel meal		28
"	two barrels lime	10	00
"	one bushel meal		56
14	mending chain		25
16	hand rake and single tree	1	25
"	half bushel meal		28
17	bedstead	6	
"	one barrel flour	7	50
"	one bushel lime	2	
"	boot jack and peck peas		50
18	wagon and trough	77	
"	meal and molasses		74
22	one bedstead	6	
"	one bushel meal		56
"	wagon tongue	1	50
23	three bells	6	
24	half bushel meal		28
"	1,000 bricks	10	
"	one barrel lime	5	
"	one bush. do	2	
"	axle-tree for *carry log*	3	
"	ironing same	1	
"	tongue do	3	
"	band for tongue		75
26	one barrel lime	5	
"	600 brick	4	20
"	ironing wagon bed	4	
"	making bolster	1	50
28	one bushel meal		56
"	one bottle oil		20
"	mending boots		50
"	half bushel lime	1	
29	mending hoe		25
30	four lbs nails		22
31	three linch pins		37
		$1,053	27

Purchases made during quarter ending March 31, 1853.

1853.			
Jan. 1,	By 21 bushels peas, James Dean	$21	75
4	2 lbs venetian red, D. J. Ransom		20
"	4 dozen bed screws, T. & S. Gibbs	3	
"	5 pounds nails, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		35
"	3 spools thread do do		25
5	2 oil stones, R. Smither	1	38
"	one ball shoe thread, do		10
6	one paper lampblack, D. J. Ransom		15
7	4 balls shoe thread, T. & S. Gibbs		40
"	one plane bit do		65
8	half gallon varnish, D. J. Ransom	1	75
"	1 doz shaving soap, R. P. & Co.		50
"	33 bushels coal, black boy	1	98
10	2 trowels, R. Smither	2	25
"	1 plane bit, T. & S. Gibbs		65
"	1¼ lb beeswax, cash		32
"	28 axle-trees, Silas Morgan	14	10
"	6 bolsters, do	2	25
"	7 houns do	1	75
"	1 tongue do		37
"	252 wagon spokes, John B. Moore	5	30
11	1 bunch bricklayers' lines, R. Smither		75
"	6 balls cotton wick, R. Perkins & Co.		50
"	17 lbs sole leather, Willie & Co.	4	25
"	24 do band iron, T. & S. Gibbs	1	68
13	2 gallons lamp oil, R. Smither	2	50
"	half pint hartshorn, D. J. Ransom		30
15	38 lbs tobacco, Binford & Co.	10	26
"	half pint hartshorn, D. J. Ransom		40
"	3½ sides upper leather, James Gillaspie	10	50
17	2½ bushels peas, C. C. Edinburg	2	50
"	1 pair spectacles, J. C. & S. R. Smith		63
18	1 sett castors, T. & S. Gibbs		43
"	1 gal varnish, D. J. Ransom	3	25
"	11¼ lbs round iron, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		79
19	5 bushels peas, Isaac Sutton	5	
20	2 doz spools thread, T. & S. Gibbs		80
"	3 gross shirt buttons do		42
"	660 bbls lime, W. M. Rice & Co.	1,980	
21	2 dozen wool socks, T. & S. Gibbs	9	
"	19 do hats, do	12	
"	2 spiggots and 1 sett castors do		98

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Jan. 25,	By 7 balls lamp wick, T. & S. Gibbs	$0 40
"	1 quire wrapping paper, Rogers, Perkins & Co.	13
"	1 sett 3½ inch wagon boxes, R. Smither,	1 00
"	3 files do	30
"	1 bottle ink, J. Myers	30
26	16 pounds sole leather, Willie & Co.	4 00
27	16 sheets sand paper, T. & S. Gibbs	25
"	6 knobs do	15
29	1,061 pounds pork, T. J. Carson	53 05
"	10 do salt, J. C. & S. R. Smith	25
"	1 white-wash brush, James Gillaspie	75
31	2 papers sprigs, Rogers, Perkins & Co.	20
"	132 bushels corn, Mr. Reynolds	66 00
"	5 sacks salt, T. & S. Gibbs,	18 75
"	molasses gate do	90
"	pewter fosset do	35
"	32 inch bellows, R. Smither,	22 00
"	1 anvil (140 pounds) do	18 00
"	2 hammers do	1 88
"	165 bbls lime, W. M. Rice & Co.	495 00
Feb. 2,	2,934 pounds pork, John McAdams	154 03
"	3 lard kegs. O. H. P. Walker,	75
"	8 sheets sand paper, T. & S. Gibbs	13
"	1 pound glue, D. J. Ransom	38
"	1 molasses barrel, Binford & Co.	75
4	1 pound cayenne, D. J. Ransom	1 00
9	13½ pounds sole leather, Willie & Co.	3 38
10	3,103 do pork, John McAdams	162 90
"	630 feet oak lumber, King & Lehr	11 02
"	3 sacks salt, T. & S. Gibbs	11 25
"	4 kegs white lead, do	9 60
11	40 bushels corn, W. W. Leach	20 00
12	10 fine combs, Rogers, Perkins & Co.	1 25
"	6 coarse do R. Smither	75
"	5 pounds rice, Binford & Co.	50
"	sage, cash	20
14	1 gallon varnish, D. J. Ransom	3 50
"	2 pounds chrome green, do	1 20
"	2 white wash brushes, R. Smither	1 50
16	1 dozen lead pencils, do	75
"	1 do handsaw files do	1 20
"	1 sett tailor's tools, A. W. O'Connell	18 25
17	12 pairs shoe leathers, Willie & Co.	9 00
"	5 pounds whiting, T. & S. Gibbs	25

1853.

Feb. 17,	By 2 pounds venetian red, T. & S. Gibbs	$ 20
"	2 doz bed screws do	1 50
22	1 sett castors, Rogers, Perkins & Co.	63
"	1,685 pounds pork, B. W. Robinson	84 25
23	1 broom, Rogers, Perkins & Co.	30
"	218 pounds iron, T. & S. Gibbs	22 26
25	1 plane bit do	65
28	1 sett wagon boxes 3 3-4 inch do	1 36
Mar. 1,	2,544 pounds pork, B. W. Robinson	127 20
"	21 barrels lime, W. M. Rice	63 00
2	7 bed screws, T. & S. Gibbs	3 80
"	2 large files, R. Perkins & Co.	1 13
"	1 molasses barrel, do	75
"	12 axle-trees, S. Morgan,	7 50
"	4 bolsters, do	1 50
3	1 barrel (43 gals) molasses, Binford & Co.	15 48
"	1 molasses barrel, O. H. P. Walker	75
"	591 wagon spokes, black boys	11 82
4	1 trowel, R. Perkins & Co.	1 00
"	20 pairs shoe leathers, Willie & Co	15 00
7	6 steel hoes. T. & S. Gibbs	3 00
8	16 axletrees, S. Morgan,	10 00
9	36½ pounds iron, T. & S. Gibbs	2 55
"	1 pound tea, Binford & Co.	1 00
"	1 do saltpetre, T. & S. Gibbs	20
"	7 do hoop iron, do	87
10	1 trowel, R. Perkins & Co.	1 00
11	vegetables, cash	50
"	1 pair trace chains, R. Smither	1 00
12	52 pounds rope, J. H. Smith	5 20
"	2 wagon tongues, black boy	1 00
"	1 sack salt, T. & S. Gibbs	3 50
14	1 bushel turnips, black boy	50
15	4 water buckets, R. Smither	1 33
"	1 pound borax, R. Perkins & Co.	50
17	10 bushels corn, J. S. Besser	5 00
18	1 quire sand paper, R. Perkins & Co.	50
"	2 3-4 pounds hoop iron do.	34
22	1 tenon saw, R. Smither	2 00
"	2¼ pounds grass rope, T. & S. Gibbs	45
"	vegetables, black boy	50
23	154 barrels lime, W. M. Rice & Co.	462 00
24	1 gal turpentine, R. Perkins & Co.	1 20

1853.		
Mar. 24,	By 1 gallon varnish, R. Perkins & Co.	$3 00
"	¼ pound copperas, D. J. Ransom	05
25	200 wagon hubs, W. Minshew	50 00
"	1 do tongues, do [in 1852.]	1 00
"	2 coupling poles, do	50
26	30 bushels corn, Peter Petree	15 00
"	129 bundles fodder do	1 72
"	3 pounds red lead, D. J. Ransom	53
"	1 sett wagon boxes T. & S. Gibbs	1 20
"	296 wagon spokes, Silas Morgan	5 92
"	1 wagon tongue, black boy	50
"	9 coupling poles, S. Abbott	3 38
"	4 wagon tongues, do	2 00
28	13 pounds sole leather, James Gillaspie	3 25
"	10 barrels molasses, E. B. Nichols & Co.	85 58
"	1 vice, 79 lbs. do	11 06
"	charges at Galveston do	4 10
"	1 plane bit, T. & S. Gibbs	65
"	8 bunches lines do	60
"	3 pounds red lead, D. J. Ransom	45
29	12 pieces upper leather, Willie & Co.	4 50
"	144 bushels and 2 pecks meal, at 54 3-4c, H. M. Watkins	79 65
30	7,415 ft pine lumber, King & Birdwell	92 68
"	6 two inch pieces do do	1 50
"	2 pounds venetian red, D. J. Ransom	30
31	12 pairs upper leather, Willie & Co.	4 50
"	one side do do do	3 00
		$4,444 33

Expense account, incidental and contingent, for quarter ending. March 31st, 1853.

1853.		
Jan. 1,	By making 10 shirts, Mrs. E. H. Allen	$2 00
5	painting frames, W. Jergens	2 00
"	making 10 shirts, Mrs. E. H. Allen	2 00
8	hands burning brick at night	5 25
"	making 11 shirts, Mrs. E. H. Allen	2 20
15	do 6 do widow lady	1 20
"	do 10 do Mrs. E. H. Allen	2 00
18	do 4 do widow lady	80
"	do 10 do Mrs. Derrick	2 00

1853.

Jan. 20,	By one week's board wagoner (1852), P. Royal	$2	00
"	expense acct of Agent to Austin and Galveston	63	00
21	making 10 shirts, Mrs. E. H. Allen	2	00
25	hauling 12 barrels lime, Peter High	8	40
"	do 7 do do Alexander Hightower	4	90
"	do 2,370 lbs at 30c per 100, H. M. Watkins	7	11
26	do 3 barrels lime, S. M. Jenkins	2	10
27	making 10 shirts, Mrs. E. H. Allen	2	00
28	hauling 608 feet lumber, E. H. Allen		91
"	freight and charges on lime, &c., per Star State	107	98
31	hauling lime, 43 barrels, P. Royal	30	00
Feb. 3,	making 10 shirts, Mrs. E. H. Allen	2	00
4	do 20 do Miss McGown	4	00
9	burning brick at night, A. S. Milliken	1	50
10	freight, charges, storage, &c., per Buffalo and Farmer, steamers	31	74
11	hauling 15 barrels lime, Peter High	10	50
12	do board timber, black boy		50
14	making 10 shirts, James Gillaspie	2	00
15	amount paid A. W. O'Connell for finishing work on hand when pardoned	35	50
18	burning coal at night, black boys	3	50
24	hauling 12 barrel lime, Thomas Flood	8	40
Mar. 3,	do 85 do do Peter Cline	59	50
"	do 2,369 pounds at 30c, Peter Cline	7	10
"	88 barrels lime, J. A. Cabiness	61	60
7	making 24 shirts, Mrs. W. Derrick	4	80
12	expense of Agent and horse to Cincinnati	1	50
15	hauling 3,593 pounds at 30c, Henry Wisa	10	79
"	do 91 barrels do	63	70
"	do 27 do lime, Peter Royal	26	00
"	do 100 do Charles Foster		30
"	do 82 do lime do	57	40
"	do 29 do do John Cotter	20	30
"	do 21 do do Mr. Warren	14	70
"	do 18 do do J. M. Evans	12	60
"	do 26 do do J. A. Cabiness	18	20
23	do 14 do do do	9	80
"	receiving, storing and forw'g 154 bbls Cincin'ti,	15	40
"	hauling slabs, E. H. Allen		75
"	making 10 shirts, cash	2	00
24	do 13 do E. H. Allen	2	60
"	hauling 14 bbls lime, Brooks	9	80

1853.

Mar. 25,	By hauling wood (1852) W. Minshew	$1 82
"	mule hire, hunting mule, W. Reeves	1 00
26	making 10 shirts, P. J. Simons	2 00
28	hauling 14 barrels lime, John & R. L. Brooks	9 80
29	do 16 do do do do	11 20
30	burning coal, per black boys	5 00
"	hauling 6,791 feet lumber	10 18
"	do lime, molasses and rice	11 04
31	do 16¼ cords wood	8 13
"	do 6 loads rails	3 00
"	do 24 barrels lime	16 80
	Incidental and contingent,	$828 20

Pay of Officers and Employees.

Paid James Gillaspie, Superintendent	$250 00
R. Smither, Director	25 00
W. M. Barrett, do	25 00
A. P. Wiley, do	25 00
John S. Besser, Agent	150 00
Keenan & Renfro, Physicians	49 88
E. H. Allen, Bricklayer	180 00
D. Hollis, Wagon Maker	180 00
J. P. Harrison, Steward	120 00
Jackson Farris, Sergeant	120 00
Jackson Price, Guard	30 50
Wm. Derrick, do	82 00
J. T. Christmas, do	105 00
Wm. Brooks, do	105 00
A. S. Milliken, do	105 00
F. P. Crockett, do	105 00
A. C. Logan, do	105 00
Charles Derrick, do	105 00
H. Harrison do	105 00
William H. Price. do	74 50
B. B. Thompson, do	21 00
	$1,183 00
Negro boy, teamster	63 00

Transportation of Convicts.

R. J. Jones, Dep. Sheriff Bexar County	128 00
discharged convicts	55 00

RECAPITULATION.

Cash receipts from appropriation, &c.		$6,622 11
do disbursements	$6,071 88	
do balance	550 23	
		$6,622 11
Sales made	1,053 27	
Purchases made		4,444 33
Incidental and contingent expenses		828 30
Pay of officers and employees		884 88
Guard		1,183 00
Transportation of convicts		125 00
Termster		63 00
Cash to discharged convicts		55 00
		$7,556 51

Respectfully submitted to the Hon. board of Directors,

JOHN S. BESSER, *Agent.*

March 31st, 1853.

Cash receipts of Agent for quarter ending June 30th, 1853.

1853.			
Ap'l 1,	From R. Archer	$15 00	
"	J. C. & S. R. Smith	17 42	
"	James Farris	3 50	
2	For barrel lime	5 00	
"	sharpening saw	1 50	
4	From H. Gray on account	5 00	
"	Thomas Brown	40 00	
7	Appropriation		4,961 91
9	For churn dasher	40	
"	From P. J. Simons	4 25	
11	For one bushel lime	2 00	
12	From G. W. Banton, balance on account	50	
16	Mr. Prewitt	12 00	
"	convict, No. 94	1 00	
26	For lime sold	2 50	
May 3,	From W. T. Bell, on account	2 00	
13	W. Dockery, for wagon	120 00	
14	C. O. Edwards, do	120 00	
"	H. Harrison, for crib	6 00	
27	For one barrel lime sold	5 00	
30	From convict No. 97	2 10	
June 4,	For one half bushel peas sold	50	
20	work made and sold	37 80	

1853.			
June 28,	From appropriation per Assessor and Col.		$4,961 91
	lector Walker County,		10 44
30	Thomas Carothers, on account,	$6 72	
"	William Derrick, do do	15 68	
		$425 87	$4,972 35
Ap'l 1,	Cash balance on hand,	550 23	
		976 10	
From appropriation brought down,		4,972 35	
	Cash assetts,	$5,948 45	

Cash disbursements for quarter ending June 30th, 1853.

1853.		
Ap'l 1,	To J. P. Harrison, balance due as Steward,	$8 31
"	A. C. Logan, do do guard,	63 00
"	F. P. Crockett, do do do	105 00
"	A. S. Milliken, balance as do	49 97
"	W. Brooks, do do	71 50
"	J. T. Christmas do do	38 48
"	W. H. Price do do	39 10
"	J. Farris, Sergeant do	120 00
"	H. Harrison, balance as do	85 00
"	Charles Derrick, do do	105 00
"	David Hollis, wagon maker, &c.	162 62
"	B. B. Thompson, guard,	21 00
"	E. H. Allen, bricklayer, &c.	198 16
"	W. Derrick, balance as guard,	19 30
11	Jas. Gillaspie, Superintendent, &c.	292 56
"	Willie & Co., per account filed, leather,	46 44
"	Silas Morgan, do do wagon lumber,	70 34
"	J. M. Evans do do hauling lime,	12 60
"	Keenan & Rentfro, medicines and services,	67 69
"	W. M. Rice & Co., on lime account;	1,000 00
"	Expense account of Agent to Austin,	44 00
"	King & Birdwell, lumber account,	165 72
12	Peter Petree, for corn and fodder,	33 72
"	John Brooks, for hauling lime,	4 85
13	R. Smither, on account filed, &c.	194 80
"	Milo Warren, hauling lime,	14 70
"	A. P. Wiley, balance as Director,	22 50

1853		
Ap'l 13,	To Leach & Walker, per order,	$20 00
14	W. M. Barrett, as Director,	25 00
"	R. L. Brooks, hauling lime,	32 90
"	John Brooks do	26 69
"	J. A. Cabiness, do	70 00
"	H. Wisce, do	22 79
16	D. J. Ransom's bill of medicines, &c.,	86 11
"	J. A. Cabiness, hauling lime,	11 20
"	H. M. Watkins, per account filed,	23 50
"	John A. Vernon, Sheriff Nueces County,	160 00
22	discharged convict, No. 68,	10 00
May 9,	For one gallon whiskey for medicine,	1 25
"	To J. T. Christmas as guard,	8 00
10	B. B Thompson, do	44 00
"	For beeswax,	10
14	To John R. Waddy, Dep. Sheriff of Fort Bend Co.,	31 00
23	black boys, burning brick,	15 00
"	For 40 bushels coal,	2 60
27	To B. F. Jackson, 40 bushels corn,	20 00
30	P. Dargan, Sheriff Brazoria County,	49 82
"	dicharged convict, No. 67,	10 00
31	do do 80,	10 00
June 2,	do do 70,	10 00
9	R. Bryan, Sheriff Liberty County,	43 50
"	J. T. Christmas, as guard,	1 00
15	black boy, for night work,	25
18	A. S. Milliken, as guard,	5 00
19	John N. Reed, Sheriff Galveston,	83 95
23	J. M. Rountree, bricklayers' lines,	1 00
24	For finding ball and chain,	20
25	To H. M. Watkins, meal account,	80 32
"	W. M. Rice & Co., on account,	351 30
"	E. B. Nichols & Co. do	100 74
"	Brown & Kirkland, do	106 61
"	E. B. Nichols & Co., do	134 18
"	Stark, Day & Stauffer, N. O., on account,	344 77
"	Steamer "Perseverance," freight,	26 60
"	For wharfage, Galveston,	2 52
"	To steamer Neptune, freight,	8 91
27	For 9 gallons tar,	4 50
29	horse to hunt oxen,	50
30	J. T. Christmas, balance as guard,	25 75
"	Jas. Gillaspie, balance as Superintendent,	210 10

1853.

June 30,	To D. Hollis as wagon maker, and hauling,	$273 68	
"	Rogers, Perkins & Co. per account,	42 94	
"	A. P. Wiley, as Director,	25 00	
"	R. Smither, per account, &c.,	133 99	
"	E. H. Allen, bricklayer and hauling,	235 89	
"	John S. Besser. Agent,	147 97	
"	King & Birdwell, for account of lumber,	74 30	
"	H. Harrison, as guard,	105 00	
"	A. J. Farris, as Sergeant,	120 00	
"	W. H. Price, as guard,	105 00	
"	John Farris, do	21 00	
"	A. S. Milliken, bal. do	48 44	
"	F. P. Crockett, do do	80 50	
"	S. Davidson, do do	59 50	
"	A. C. Logan, do do	101 50	
"	W. Brooks, do do	70 19	
"	C. Derrick, do do	88 50	
"	J. P. Harrison, balance as Steward,	11 38	
"	J. C. & S. R. Smith, per account, &c.,	50 10	
"	O. H. P. Walker, do do	47 80	
"	W. W. Leach, do do	8 50	
"	Geo. N. Graves, do do for beef,	42 58	
"	Willie & Co., do do leather,	12 10	
			$7,183 78
	Cash receipts,	$5,948 45	
	Excess of disbursements,	1,235 33	
		$7,183 78	
June 30,	By balance brought down,		$1,235 33

Sales made during quarter ending June 30th, 1853.

1853.

April 1,	One wagon tongue, James Farris,	$3 50
"	do table, W. T. Bell,	2 00
"	35½ lbs nails, J. Gillaspie,	1 95
"	Half bushel of meal, D. Hollis,	28
"	One axe helve, Willie & Co.,	25
"	Making coat, C. G. Keenan,	6 00
2	One barrel lime, cash,	5 00
"	Sharpening saw, do	1 50

1853.

April 2,	50 brick, H. M. Watkins,	$	50
"	Half bushel meal, D. Hollis,		28
"	One bell, J. T Christmas,	2	00
"	do bedstead, B. W. Robinson,	6	00
"	5 galls molasses, J. P. Harrison,	1	88
"	half bushel meal, J. Gillaspie,		28
"	one pair shoes, do.	1	50
"	half bushel meal, J. S. Besser,		28
"	one bell, J. T. Christmas,	2	50
"	do peck peas, J. P. Harrison,		25
7	9 lbs nails, J. Gillaspie,		50
8	one bushel peas, W. M. Barrett,	1	00
9	600 brick, H. Yoakum,	6	00
"	10 days convict labor, J. Gillaspie,	10	00
"	making three doors, do	4	50
"	12 lbs nails, do		66
"	one bell collar, J. T. Christmas,		25
"	do churn dasher, cash,		40
"	one and half bushel meal, to sundries,		84
11	one bushel lime, cash,	2	00
13	half bushel meal, D. Hollis,		28
"	one coupling tongue, S. McKinney,	1	50
"	repairs on wagon, do		25
15	650 brick, Mr. Rhodes,	4	55
"	half bushel meal, J. S. Besser,		28
"	28 lbs nails, J. Gillaspie,	1	54
"	one trundle bedstead, J. P. Harrison,	3	50
16	do bedstead, B. W. Robinson,	3	50
"	two do King & Birdwell,	12	00
"	cash from convict, No. 94,	1	00
"	half bushel meal, J. S. Besser,		28
"	one pair shoes, J. T. Christmas,	1	50
19	making axle-tree, &c., S. McKinney,	4	00
"	convict labor and chimney piece, J. Gillaspie,	10	00
20	making axle tree, Uri Holbrook,	3	00
"	ironing do do	1	50
"	sand board, do	1	50
"	stirrup band, do		75
"	100 brick, King & Birdwell,	1	00
"	one bedstead, John Brooks,	6	00
21	laying plough, A. S. Milliken,	1	00
"	700 brick, S. McKinney,	4	90
23	2½ bushels meal, sundries,	1	40

1852.

April 23,	one bushel lime, E. H. Allen,	$2	00
"	3 lbs nails, D. Hollis,		18
26	making coat, W. Brooks,	3	00
"	150 brick, Mr. Rhodes,	1	05
"	tongue band, do		75
"	making hounds, do	1	50
"	welding stirrup band, do		13
"	two lap rings, do		25
"	ironing 3 single trees, do	2	62
"	staple and link, do		13
"	15 lbs nails, J. Gillaspie,		83
"	half bushel meal, do		28
"	lime, cash,	2	50
30	510 brick, Mr. Rhodes,	3	57
"	half bushel meal, J. S. Besser,		28
"	iron and work, King and Birdwell,	2	00
May 3,	two bells, D. Hollis,	2	00
"	one bushel meal, sundries,		56
6	13 lbs beef, do		33
"	1¼ gallon molasses, D. Hollis,		47
"	one bushel meal, do		56
"	half do do E. H. Allen,		28
"	do do do J. S. Besser,		28
"	3,000 brick, W. M. Barrett,	21	00
9	half bushel meal, J. Gillaspie,		28
"	one safe, B. W. Robinson,	15	00
10	repairs on chest, J. T. Christmas,		50
13	one barrel lime, W. M. Barrett,	5	00
"	do wagon and bed, M. Dockery,	120	00
14	333 brick, W. M. Barrett,	2	33
"	one barrel lime, do	5	00
"	do bushel 33 lbs meal, sundries,		93
"	making band, D. Hollis,	1	00
"	half bushel meal, J. Gillaspie,		28
"	one bedstead, do	6	00
"	do crib, H. Harrison,	6	00
16	3 gallons 1 quart molasses, sundries,	1	22
19	making pants, A. C. Logan,	1	50
"	half gallon shoe pegs, Willie & Co.,		40
20	half bushel meal, sundries,		84
"	repairs on coat, W. Brooks,		75
"	making two pairs pants, A. C. Logan,	2	00
23	half bushel meal, D. Hollis,		28

1853.		
May 25,	one bedstead. J. T. Christmas	$6 00
"	do trundle bedstead, C. Foster	3 50
"	do carry-log (complete), King & Birdwell	95 48
27	do barrel lime, cash	5 00
"	1¼ bushel meal, sundries	70
28	one bedstead, H. Farris	6 00
"	filling wheel, E. H. Allen	4 00
"	setting tire	75
"	work on wagon, King & Birdwell	50
"	1½ gallon molasses, D. Hollis	47
"	1 work-stand, W. A. Leigh	1 50
30	making coat, C. Derrick	5 00
"	cash from convict, No. 97	2 10
31	half bushel meal, J. S. Besser	28
"	one barrel lime, R. Smither	5 00
June 2,	do lounge, Gab. Baker	4 00
3	do pair spectacles, J. P. Harrison	63
"	1,200 brick, H. Yoakum	12 00
4	half bushel peas, cash	50
"	1½ bushel meal, sundries	74
"	3 pecks do J. Gillaspie	42
9	one barrel lime, Royal & Reed	5 00
"	1,000 brick, do do	10 00
"	making bolster, E. H. Allen	1 50
10	4 benches, Andrew's College	15 00
"	repairs on coat, C. Derrick	50
11	one bushel three pecks meal, sundries	98
14	half do do J. S. Besser	28
15	one barrel lime, J. W. Wilson	5 00
"	filling two wheels, E. H. Allen	10 00
"	setting three tires, do	2 25
"	1¼ gallon molasses, D. Hollis	47
"	one lounge, Mr. Inge	4 00
"	6 lbs nails, J. Gillaspie	33
"	half bushel meal, D. Hollis	28
"	1,200 brick, W. A. Leigh	12 00
"	400 do J. W. D. Creath	4 00
18	400 do W. Birdwell	4 00
"	one lounge, do	4 00
20	wood work of wagon, cash	35 00
"	wagon boxes, do	1 30
"	ironing hounds, do	1 50
"	blacksmithing, D. Hollis	25

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1853.

Aug. 22	3 papers matches, T. & S. Gibbs	$	10
"	128 pounds beef, G. N. Craves	3	20
24	half gallon varnish, D. J. Ransom	1	75
"	3 quarts 1 pint do, Kittrell & Myers	2	63
27	93 pounds of beef, W. Derrick	2	33
"	one load hay, A. C. Parmer	10	00
29	2 dozen papers sprigs, Rogers, Perkins & Co		20
"	½ do sprig awls, do		15
"	86 pounds beef, W Derrick	2	15
30	6 cords wood (privilege) G. W. Grant	1	50
31	one bevel, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		75
"	58 pounds beef, cash	1	45
Sept. 2	25 bushels meal, John Hume	12	50
"	7 wagon tongue, Morgan's boy	3	25
3	26 bushels 11 quarts 1 pint corn, John Hume	13	14
5	97 pounds beef, J M. Evans	2	91
"	105 bushels 18 pounds meal, H. M. Watkins	57	68
2	2 files, T. & S Gibbs	1	00
"	one sifter, Binford & Co.	1	00
6	2 trowels, Rogers, Perkins & Co	2	00
7	do auger, T. & S. Gibbs		50
"	6 sets castors, do	2	00
"	90 pounds beef, J M Evans	3	15
9	91 do do W. Derrick	2	28
"	5½ feet wire cloth, Rogers, Perkins & Co.	2	75
"	4 sets brass butts, do	1	00
19	130 pounds beef, J. M. Evans	3	90
"	19½ pairs houns, S. Morgan	9	75
"	one axle-tree, do		75
"	do and a half gallon tar, black boy		75
"	124 pounds beef, P. Petree	3	10
"	10¼ do lead, D. J. Ransom	1	03
"	3 3 4 do black lead, do		46
" 12	4 pairs brass butts, T. & S. Gibbs		60
"	one cupboard lock, do		25
13	wagon lumber, Morgan's boy	5	00
"	one gallon spirits turpentine, D. J. Ransom	1	25
"	2 camels hair brushes, do		20
"	one paint brush, do		30
"	½ pound chrome yellow, do		38
"	½ do Prussian blue, do		37
"	14 pairs wggon houns, also tongue, S. Morgan	7	38
14	2⅔ yards bagging, T. & S. Gibbs		53

1853.

Sep. 14	one paper tacks, T. & S. Gibbs	$	15
15	5 pounds putty, D. J. Ransom		50
16	one sack (167 pounds) coffee, Binford & Co.	20	46
"	93 pounds beef, P. Petree	2	33
"	10½ bushels meal, W. & J. W. Birdwell	6	30
17	4 papers sprigs, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		40
"	one smooth plane, do	1	00
"	do fore plane, R. Smither & Brother	2	25
19	97 pounds beef, R. Petree	2	42
"	2 handsaws, T. & S. Gibbs	4	85
"	one hammer, do		50
"	do iron square do		65
"	35 pounds putty, W. M. Rice & Co.	2	80
"	3 pieces (111 yards) W. kersey, W. M. R. & Co.	24	42
"	3 do (91 do) B. do do	18	20
"	one box shaving soap, do	2	25
"	932 pounds iron, do	51	26
"	one bundle hoop iron, do	4	48
"	do pig block tin, 62 pounds, do	27	90
"	4 boxes glass 12x18, at $4, do	16	00
"	3 do do 10x12, at $2 50, do	7	50
"	5 do tobacco, 534 pounds, at 20c. do	106	80
"	2 barrels flour, at $7 50, do	15	00
"	8 boxes No. 1 soap, 384 pounds, at 5c. W. M. Rice & Co.	19	20
"	2 sacks, 330 pounds, coffee, 10½c., W.M. R. & Co.	34	65
"	one side bacon, 45 pounds, at 10c. do	4	50
"	drayage on box,		20
"	one whetstone, Rogers, Perkins & Co.		25
"	do oil can, T. & S. Gibbs		25
20	4 pounds venetian red, cash		50
21	138 pounds beef, J. M. Evans	4	14
"	14 do sole leather, James Gillaspie	3	50
"	10½ bushels meal, W. & J. W. Birdwell	6	30
"	108 pounds beef, P. Petree	2	70
22	2 gallons tar, black boy	1	00
"	half gallon whiskey, D. J. Ransom		37
"	2 papers lampblack, do		50
"	one buckskin, Willie & Co.	1	25
"	3¼ pounds chrome green, D. J. Ransom	1	30
"	one small brush, do		13
23	3 H. S. files, T. & S. Gibbs		30
24	one ball twine, Binford & Co.		15

1853.		
Sep. 24	15 bolsters, G. N. Graves	$5 63
26	wagon lumber, black boy	5 00
28	one bottle ink, J. C. & S. R. Smith	63
"	8 chambers, R. Smither & Brother	4 00
"	3 paint brushes, D. J. Ransom	1 25
"	3 pounds chrome green, do	1 20
"	one paper sprigs, Rogers, Ferkins & Co.	20
"	2½ bushels meal, E. H. Allen	1 50
"	80 pounds beef, P. Petree	2 00
29	123 do do do	3 08
30	10 bushels meal, W. & J. Birdwell	6 00
"	22,018 feet lumber, at $1 25, do	275 22
"	alum, D. J Ransom	15
"	quinine, do	1 00
"	paregoric, do	1 50
"	tinc catechu, do	1 00
"	laudanum, do	75
"	one quire paper, J. C. & S R. Smith	25
"	3 auger gimlets, R. Smither & Brother	75
"	30 pounds lead do	3 00
"	3 pairs uppers, Willie & Co.	1 13
		$1,735 79

Contingent and Miscellaneous Expenses.

1853.		
July 4,	Expense account of Agent to Baton Rouge and Jackson Penitentiaries	$96 00
11	black boys burning brick at night	11 25
"	freight on 4,055 pounds from Houston at 75c.	30 41
18	hauling 2,637 feet lumber from mill	3 95
"	expense account of Agent to Austin	44 00
22	hauling 3,642 pounds, &c.,	27 82
"	receiving, forwarding, freight and wharfage at Houston	10 56
25	do do do &c., Cincinnati	15 97
27	postage account	25
30	expenses of Agent to Cincinnati	1 50
Aug. 4,	hauling 3,106 feet lumber from mill	4 81
8	do 655 pounds from Houston	4 90
10	do 6 cords wood	3 75
12	repairing gun lock	1 00
"	hands burning brick at night	13 50

1853.		
Aug. 18	expense account of Agent to Houston	$17 00
Sept. 1,	hauling 394 pounds from Houston	3 94
5	do 532 do do do	5 32
"	do 15,880 feet lumber from mill	23 82
"	do 626 do do do	94
19	do 3,527 do from Houston	35 27
26	"News" Office, advertising escape of convict	2 00
29	hauling 3,352 feet lumber from mill	5 04
30	hands burning brick at night	10 50
"	report of fashions	6 75
"	3 months of teamster and board at $21	63 00
		$443 25

Pay of Officers and Employees.

1853.			
Sept. 30,	Superintendent,	James Gillaspie	$250 00
	Directors,	W. M. Barrett	25 00
	"	A. P. Wiley	16 67
	"	R. Smither	19 43
	Agent,	John S. Besser	150 00
	Physicians,	Keenan & Rentfro	67 81
	Wagon Maker,	D. Hollis	180 00
	Bricklayer,	E. H. Allen	180 00
	Steward,	J. P. Harrison	120 00
	Serg't of Guard,	A. J. Farris	120 00
	Guard,	John Farris	29 35
	"	A. S. Miliken	105 00
	"	A. C. Logan	105 00
	"	Charles Derrick	105 00
	"	H. Harrison	105 00
	"	W. H. Price	105 00
	"	W. Brooks	105 00
	"	Samuel Davidson	105 00
	"	J. D. Baker	86 32
	"	H. Hampton	77 00
	"	James Lagroon	14 00
			$2,070 58

Transportation of Convicts for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1853.

1853.		
July 2,	Paid R. J. Jones, Deputy Sheriff Bexar County, 3 convicts and 3 guards,	$172 00
22	E. M. Anderson, Sheriff Cameron County, 6 convicts and 5 guards,	566 67
Sept. 13	John M. Bivens, Sheriff Red River County, 1 convict and 2 guards,	123 60
26	Jas. W. Cunningham, Sheriff Victoria Co., 1 convict and 1 guard,	69 99
28	R. E. Hines, Sheriff Titus County, 1 convict and 2 guards,	109 00
		$1,041 26

RECAPITULATION.

Cash assets from all sources,		$6,160 71
To wit: appropriation,	$5,558 56	
sundries,	602 15	
	$6,160 71	

Disbursements.

Excess of disbursements last quarter,	$1,235 33
" " this quarter,	4,922 95
Balance on hand Sept. 30,	2 43
	$6,160 71
Work made and sold, &c.,	$1,506 03

Recapitulation of Expense Account.

Amount of purchases,	$1,735 79	
Incidental and contingent,	443 35	
Pay of officers and employees,	2,070 58	
Transportation of convicts,	1,041 26	
		$5,290 88

Recapitulation of the gross expense of the Institution for the last two years, ending Sept. 30, 1853, *as embraced in my last annual report and the present, to wit:*

Expense account for quarter ending	Dec. 31, 1851,	$3,174 01
" "	March 31, 1852,	4,318 52
" "	June 30, "	6,590 90
" "	Sept. 30, "	5,401 70

Expense account for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1852,	$6,858	19
" " March 31, 1853,	7,586	51
" " June 30, "	4,601	88
" " Sept. 30, "	5,290	88
	$43,822	59

Contra—by proceeds of convict labor, &c.

To wit: For quarter ending Dec. 31 1851,	$658	00
" " " March 31, 1852,	485	84
" " " June 30, "	690	24
" " " Sept. 30, "	1,019	89
" " " Dec. 31, "	798	15
" " " March 31, 1853,	1,053	27
" " " June 30, "	728	50
" " " Sept. 30, "	1,506	03
	$6,939	92
Penitentiary to appropriation,		*Dr.*
For years 1852 and 1853,	$44,536	00

Contra—

By Directors' drafts for year ending Dec. 31 1851,	$2,038	71
" Sup't do for transportation of convicts,	743	43
" Directors's drafts for year ending March 31, 1852,	2,476	01
" Sup't do transp. convicts, " " "	1,207	81
" Directors' do for year ending June 30, "	2,242	06
" Sup't do trans. convicts " " "	565	94
" " do " " Sept. 30, "	377	90
" " do " " Dec. 31, "	723	00
Amount of drafts,	$10,374	96

By cash per Agent from the Treasurer:

1852, May,	$3,500	00		
" August,	3,790	00		
" September,	188	00		
" November,	2,171	42		
1853, January,	5,298	00		
" February,	575	77		
" April,	4,961	91		
" June,	10	44		
" July,	5,558	56		
			26,054	10
			$36,429	06

Amount brought forward,		$36,429 06
Balance due from appropriation,		8,106 94
		$44,536 00
Balance brought down,	$8,106 94	
Subject to outstanding drafts anterior to Oct. 1st, 1851, reported at	2,849 79	
Balance from q'r ending Dec. 31, 1853,	$5,257 15	

Recapitulation of cash receipts and disbursements made by Agent up to Sept. 30, 1853.

To wit: From State Treasurer brought down,		$26,054 10
" all other sources,		2,120 15
" for q'r ending June 30, 1852,	$54 75	
" " Sept. 30, "	187 83	
" " Dec. 31, "	458 95	
" " Mar. 31, 1853,	389 79	
" " June 30, "	426 78	
" " Sept. 30, "	602 15	
	$2,120 15	
Gross receipts,		$28,174 25
By disbursements for q'r ending June 30, 1852.		$3,290 60
" " Sept. 30, "		4,274 04
" " Dec. 31, "		2,426 16
" " Mar. 31, 1853,		6,071 88
" " June 30, "		7,183 78
		$23,246 46
By disbursements for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1853,		4,922 95
" error short,		41
Oct. 1, '53, cash balance on hand,		2 43
		$28,174 25

In respect to the appropriation for the support of the Penitentiary for the years 1852 and 1853, it became chargeable with the expenses of the institution for the last quarte in 1851, and an unpaid balance of $2.849 79 for preceding quarter of that year, which has been paid by the State Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. BESSER, *Agent.*

Note.—The above amount of $2,849 79 may not be the exact balance, but approximates near to it. J. S. B.

The undersigned, Superintendent and Directors of the Texas Penitentiary, having examined and carefully compared the foregoing transcript of the receipts and disbursements for the year ending Sept. 30, 1853, and sales and purchases made by John S. Besser, Agent for the same, with his books and vouchers, and find the same correct.

To which we certify this the 26th October, 1853.

JAMES GILLASPIE, *Superintendent.*

J. C. SMITH, } *Directors.*
WM. M. BARRETT, }

To His Excellency Governor P. H. BELL.

DOCUMENT "E," NO. 4.

HUNTSVILLE, Oct. 29th, 1853.

His Excellency, Governor P. B. BELL,

Sir,—When at New Orleans last spring on business connected with the Penitentiary, in compliance with your request, I visited the Louisiana and Mississippi penitentiaries, and made as thorough an examination of their respective operations, in the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods, the cost of engines, machinery raw materials and employees, and amount manufactured, as practicable; and shall, as briefly as possible, give your Excellency the result.

The engine and machinery at the Louisiana penitentiary, at the present advanced value of iron, would cost, delivered, about $36,000. The engine is of sufficient power to drive a greater amount of machinery should it be needed. There are ninety-six convicts engaged in that business; also, an engineer and master-workman—the former at $600, the latter at $750 per year. They consume 481 bales of cotton (at an average weight of 425 pounds), and about 15,000 pounds of wool per quarter; and manufacture for sale an average of 21,000 yards of Lowels, and 2,400 yards of woolens per week; making of the former 273,000, and of the latter 31,200 yards per quarter; and sell about $5,000 worth of spun yarn during the same period; also, batting from refuse cotton probably sufficient for the purchase of fuel. The institution is leased by the State to the firm of McHatton, Ward & Co. for $4,000 per year, (the State paying for the transportation of convicts). From the former gentleman I understood that the

last year, owing to an insufficiency of machinery, they made but little. But that this year, with the present increase, they will make a handsome profit. With the exception of brickmaking, there is nothing made at this institution that enters into competition with the mechanical industry of the country: finding a ready sale for all that is made.

The engine and machinery in the Mississippi Penitentiary would, for the same cause, cost, *delivered*, about $25,000, and manufacture about one third the amount made by the Louisiana Penitentiary. They also manufacture for sale every article that is made by the mechanics of the country. Col. Swan, the Superintendent, informed me that the institution has never paid its current expenses. That their operations in the cotton and woolen business was too contracted ever to pay expenses, which position is fully sustained by reference to a brief statement hereto annexed of the operations of the Louisiana Penitentiary for three months, where a greater amount of business is done in that line, and based upon the data horetofore given:

Louisiana Penitentiary.

Dr.

To 37 bales of cotton per week, of 425 pounds each—481 for 3 months, making 204,425 pounds, at 9c.,		$18,938 00
" 15,000 pounds wool, at 20c., for 3 months,		3,000 00
" 3 months salary of Engineer, at $600 per year,		150 00
" 3 do do Master workman, at $750 do		187 50
		22,275 50
Add for contingent expenses 10 per cent.,		2,227 55
Expense account,		$24,503 05

Contra.

By 273,000 yards Lowells, at 9c.,	$24,570 00	
31,200 do woolen, at 20c.,	6,240 00	
Spun yarn,	5,000 00	
Proceeds,	$35,810 00	
Balance in favor of the institution for 3 months,		$11,306 95
		$35,810 00

Respectfully submitted.

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

JOHN S. BESSER, *Agent Penitentiary.*

BI-ENNIAL REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER.

Comptroller's Office, Austin, November 19, 1853.

To the Governor of the State of Texas:

In conformity with law, I submit the following report showing the operations of this office for the two years terminating October 31st, 1853, together with such remarks on the Finances of the State as are deemed proper.

The receipts and expenditures of the State in available means, from the 31st of October, 1851, to the 31st of October, 1853, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Received from ordinary sources of revenue, such as taxes, &c.,	156,370 27	
Received from Government of the United States in 5 per cent. bonds,	5,000,000 00	
Premium and interest on the above bonds to 1st Jan. 1853,	510,850 10	
Refunded by Government of the United States on account of advances by the State,	8,094 12	
Means in the Treasury on the 31st of October, 1851,	25,890 68	5,701,205 17

EXPENDITURES.

Amount disbursed by Treasurer on account of expenditures of the State,	584,387 51	
Amount disbursed by Treasurer on account of debt of the late Republic,	1,114,144 64	
Amount transferred from State revenue to county revenue,	1,371 08	
Amount of State bonds destroyed and United States bonds substituted as per act of Feb. 16, 1852,	36,000 00	1,735,903 23
Leaving in the Treasury on the 31st of October, 1853, a balance of		$3,965,301 94

All of which will more fully appear by reference to accompanying statement marked "A."

ESTIMATE.

Of receipts and expenditures for the Fiscal year ending October 31st, 1854.

Amount of Taxes, &c. due prior to 1852, which will probably be received, and receipts from other sources, such as land dues, patent fees, Austin lots, &c.,	48,000 00	
Interest on United State bonds now in the Treasury, from Jan. 1853, to October 31st, 1854,	327,708 33	—375,708 33
Balance in the Treasury on the 31st October, 1853, as above shown,		3,965,301 94
Total estimated means for the support of the Government for the year ending Oct. 31st, 1854,		$4,341,010 27

EXPENDITURES.

Estimate expenses of State for the year ending October 31st, 1854, as follows:

Legislative Dep't.,	$75,000 00		
Executive "	40,500 00		
Judicial "	37,850 00		
Miscellan'ous expenses	25,364 00	178,714 00	
Balance due on appropriations for support of the State for 1853 and previous years,		98,623 37	
Balance due for the payment of the public debt,		348,685 08	
Amount of public debt now audited including that which will probably be audited up to the 1st of February, 1854, under act of February 1853,		100,000 00	—726,022 35
eaving in the Treasury on the 31st of October, 1854, an estimated balance of			$3,614,987 92

From the preceding statement the disbursements by the Treasurer appear large; but that is mainly owing to the payments made on account of the public debt of the late Republic, the erection of public buildings and the expenses of three companies of mounted troops in the service of the State in 1852.

The ordinary expenses of the Government have not been greater than usual, and had the revenue from taxation for the years 1852 and 1853, accrued to the State Treasury instead of to the various counties, the receipts from the latter would have been more than adequate to the expenses of the former.

In the estimate of receipts for the Fiscal year ending in October, 1854, I have not taken into account the taxes of that year, as they are not available to the Treasury until the spring of the succeeding year, and as the taxes for 1852 and 1853 inure to the use of the different counties, the only sum estimated as arising from this source is the probable amount that may be received from taxes which accrued prior to 1852.

As no appropriation has been made by the General Government, authorizing the repayment of the $84,746 92, advanced by the State from the tax revenue under act of January 29th, 1853, for the support of certain troops, I have not included that amount in the estimate of receipts. Should this sum be refunded, then the receipts for the year would be increased by that amount.

GENERAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount. One-tenth of the net revenue of the State paid in during the two years ending 31st October, 1853,	30,866 45	
Interest to the credit of this fund on U. S. bonds, to the 1st of July, 1853,	3,275 00	
Amount to the credit of the fund on 31st October, 1851,	48,051 88	
Total amount of School Fund in the Treasury on 31st October, 1853,		$82,193 33

The $36,000 00 State bonds issued under act of December 2nd, 1850, for the profitable investment of the School Fund, have been cancelled, and United States five per cent. bonds substituted, according to act of February 16th, 1852. Also the sum of $17,000 00 in spicie, has been transferred to "disbursement account," and replaced by United States bonds as required by said act, so that the School Fund now in the Trea-

sury is composed of $53,000 00 United States five per cent. bonds and 29,193 33 in specie. See statement "A." accompanying.

PUBLIC DEBT OF THE LATE REPUBLIC.

As it may be interesting as a source of information, and serviceable in financial calculations, it may not be inappropriate in this report to present the condition of the State finances with reference to the final settlement and liquidation of the debt incurred during the existence of the late Republic. I have therefore prepared and appended hereunto an exhibit marked "C." which shows the entire indebtedness on this account and the means of discharging it.

This statement shows, *first*, the means at present within the control of the State and the liabilities chargeable against them, known as that class of debt not secured by a pledge of impost duties. *Secondly*, the condition of the funds retained in the Federal Treasury, known as the "revenue debt."

The results as shown by this exhibit are as follows:

Balance in the Treasury to the credit of the State after paying all of that class of debt audited and appropriated for, which is not covered by a pledge of import duties, including the balance due on appropriations for the support of the State for the year 1853,		3,666,951 92
To which should be added:		
Balance remaining in the Federal Treasury to the credit of the State, after paying the revenue debt now recognized, and conditionally appropriated for		1,757,879 04
Leaving to the credit of the State, after paying the entire debt audited and recognized, a balance of		$5,424,830 96
Supposing the outstanding and unaudited debt of all classes should be provided for and paid out of the above, then the following deductions should be made:		
Amount of 2nd class debt outstanding and unprovided for, including $55,840 70 audited under act 7th February, 1853, and 1st class debt including interest to 1st July, 1850, not covered by a pledge of impost duties,	486,540 80	

Amount of revenue debt outstanding and unaudited, including interest to 1st July, 1850,	688,871 65	1,175,412 45
Leaving to the credit of the State after paying the entire debt pledged and unpledged, including interest thereon to 1st of July, 1850, a value of		$4,249,418 51

I have not included the interest which has accrued on the indemnity bonds retained in the Federal Treasury, considering it as an offset to the interest on our debt accruing subsequent to the 1st of July, 1850, the date to which interest is calculated in the preceding statement.

The Attorney General of the United States has by a recent opinion, revised to some extent the decision of the Secretary of the Treasury, made some two years since, designating the class of liabilities of the late Republic, contemplated by the act of Congress of September 9th, 1850, as being secured by a pledge of impost duties, and on which decision the legislature predicated their action in passing the act of January 31st, 1852, providing for the payment of the public debt. The Secretary's decision included Treasury notes as covered by said pledge; by the opinion of the Attorney General they are excluded. Also, the 8 and 10 per cent. bonds, issued under act of February 5th, 1840, are not regarded by the former as being covered by the pledge, while by the opinion of the latter they came under the pledge.

The foregoing exhibit is prepared in accordance with the decision of the Secretary of the Treasury, that being the one on which the action of Texas has hitherto been based. The recent decision does not affect the general result of the debt, it merely transfers from the unpreferred debt to the revenue debt, the 8 and 10 per cent. bonds amounting in the aggregate, including interest, to $501,759 00 and vice versa, transfers the Treasury notes, which amount to $806,874 00, from the latter to the former class of debt.

The 8 and 10 per cent bonds not having been recognized as coming within the revenue pledge, were unconditionally appropriated for by act of January 31st, 1852, and the larger portion has been already paid. The Treasury notes being considered a portion of the revenue debt, were only appropriated for conditionally.

Aggregate of Taxable Property--Its Increase.

The taxable property throughout the State has increased in value for the last eight years, but more especially for the past three years. The increase in this period has been at a rate seldom known, being almost one hundred per cent., affording unmistakable evidence of the prosperity and growth of the country. The following table presents the aggregate property for each of the last eight consecutive years, commencing with 1846 and terminating with 1853, with the increase per cent. for each year.

Year.	*Aggregate taxable property.*	*Increase of taxable property.*	*Increase for each year compared with that of the preceding*	
				per cent.
1846.	34,391,175			
1847.	37,562,505	3,171,330	Increase of 1847 over 1846	8 $\frac{1}{8}$
1848.	43,812,537	6,250,032	" " 1848 " 1847	16 $\frac{2}{3}$
1849.	46,241,589	2,429,052	" " 1849 " 1848	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
1850.	51,814,615	5,573,026	" " 1850 " 1849	12 2-5
1851.	69,739,581	17,924,966	" " 1851 " 1850	33 $\frac{1}{3}$
1852.	80,754,094	11,014,513	" " 1852 " 1851	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
1853.	99,155,114	18,401,020	" " 1853 " 1852	23

PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF TAXATION--THEIR VALUE, &c.

As it may be interesting to know the sources from which our revenue is derived, I subjoin the following synopsis showing the chief articles subject to taxation, together with their value for each of the eight years ending with 1853:

Year.	Land.			Negroes.			Horses and Cattle.			Other property, such as money at interest, &c.
	No. Acres Assessed.	Value Dollars.	Value per Acre.	No Assessed.	Value Dollars.	Av. val.	No. Assessed.	Value. Dollars.	Av. val. pr. head	
1846	31,967,480	17,776,101	55⅜ c.	31,099	10,142,198	325	411,100	2,929,378	7 12	$3,543,501
1847	30,440,210	17,326,994	57	39,252	12,174,593	310	448,971	3,392,784	7 12	4,668,134
1848	32,160,840	20,777,412	64⅝	40,610	13,398,490	323	581,251	4,174,475	7 16	5,461,666
1849	32,890,887	20,874,641	65	43,534	14,658,887	337	631,649	4,419,015	7 00	5,847,516
1850	32,640,400	21,807,670	66¾	49,197	17,776,500	361	750,352	5,222,270	7 00	6,675,175
1851	37,731,774	31,415,604	83⅛	59,959	24,246,465	404	901,794	6,638,115	7 35	7,639,797
1852	37,838,792	33,116,772	87½	68,795	28,628,990	416	1,020,832	7,977,999	7 82	11,030,423
1853	39,175,858	39,256,612	100	78,713	35,946,473	456	1,164,463	10,217,499	8 78	13,734,530

Assessment Rolls--Their comparison with abstract of Land Claims.

The comparison of the various assortment rolls with the abstract of land claims furnished by the Commissioner of the General Landoffice as required by the 19th section of the revenue act of February, 1850, has been unavoidably delayed in consequence of the length of time required by the Commissioner to compile the work, and the delay attending its printing and publication.

The examination is now, however, progressing, and it is hoped that within the ensuing year sales can be made for the satisfaction of arrears of taxes due throughout the State for the past three years.

In the progress of the examination, (notwithstanding every means have been used to guard against it) I find it exceedingly difficult, and in some instances impossible, owing to the vagueness of its description, to identify a considerable portion of the property rendered in the different counties with the Commissioner's Abstract, in consequence of which many tracts of land are liable to be sold for taxes which have been already paid. To remedy this defect, I purpose, on the completion of the comparison to furnish a list of the unidentified lands to the Assessors of the counties in which the owners reside, with instructions to make known to the parties the condition of their property, and request them to remedy the defects by furnishing to the Assessor a full description thereof, and thus relieve it from all undue liability to revenue taxation. By pursuing this course, the defects alluded to will be to some extent repaired, and the honest tax payer protected from the trouble and expense resulting from a sale indiscriminately made, however much it might be attributable to his own neglect.

Tax Sales--A change in the Law Recommended.

The result of tax sales generally, and especially in countries, where the titles to real estate are inchoative and unsettled, acts in many cases onerously on the original proprietor, and any system not detrimental to the public revenue which could be devised to lessen such hardship, it should be the duty of all just Governments to adopt.

It is a fact well known that individuals, under cover of tax titles, which protects them from the consequences of trespass, are in the habit of committing injuries to a ruinous extent in the destruction of timber on property thus acquired for a mere nominal sum, and which they have no idea of ultimately hold-

ing. Thus the property of the minor heir who is incompetent to protect his interests; the absentee whose rights may be neglected by in attentive agents, and the honest citizen who renders a defective description of his property for taxation, sustain serious injuries in having their property greatly damaged in consequence of the non-payment of an inconsiderable sum, not from any indisposition to discharge it, but from ignorance alone of its having been unpaid.

To provide against abuses of this character being committed on the property of the unrepresented owner, I would propose a change in the present law to the effect, that all property on which taxes are not paid within the time defined by law, should be declared forfeited to the State, with the privilege however, of allowing the owners to redeem, say within seven or ten years, on the payment of the original tax, with 25 or 50 per cent. additional per annum for each year the party should neglect to pay the amount assessed on the property so forfeited. And all property not so redeemed within the period established by law, should absolutely revert to the State, and all of the same or such portion thereof as might be necessary to realize the amount due on such forfeited property, should, after due notice, be sold to the highest bidder, the proceeds to inure to the Treasury. This recommendation, however, is only intended to apply to real estate; when property of a personal character is levied on, it should be disposed of to the highest bidder immediately on the non-payment of the tax as provided for by existing laws.

Sales made under an enactment of the character suggested, where the original proprietor could have due notice of, and ample time allowed to relieve his property from its revenue liability, would tend greatly to render their effects binding; and it is conceived that but little doubt might be entertained of their final sanction by the tribunals of the country. This fact once established, the amount due would be realized from the sale of an inconsiderable portion of the property in arrear, and the interest of the delinquent proprietor be regarded and protected without detriment to the public revenue.

The existing law as regards tax sales, has an immoral tendency, as it encourages undue speculation without the return of a fair consideration, and although the first purchaser may not expect his title to ultimately stand the test of judicial scrutiny, he sells to a third and innocent party, at a great advanced price, before that fact is established, and thus leaves the unsuspecting purchaser the victim of his avarice.

I conceive it unnecessary on the present occasion to enter into the details of the proposed enactment, as such can be done in the drafting of the law, in case the suggestion should meet the approbation of the Legislature. It is confidently believed that the collection of the revenue would be equally as secure under the proposed change as it is under the present law. The rights of the land holder would be greatly protected and a convenience afforded our citizens of arranging at one place their revenue affairs, without having to seek an unknown party, and a resident perhaps of a remote part of the State.

Taxes not Collectable--Remedy Suggested.

If a party renders property for taxation in a county other than that in which the same is situate, the present law makes no provision for the enforcement of the taxes due thereon, in consequence of which I would suggest that property so assessed on which the taxes should fail to be paid, if real estate, that the same be declared forfeited to the State in like manner as I have previously recommended with regard to unrendered property, and be subject to redemption on the payment of similar penalties. If personal property, that the Assessor of the county where it is situated should, on the certificate of the non-payment of the tax by the officer of the county where the Assessment was made, be authorized to collect such unpaid Assessment by a sale of a sufficient portion of the delinquent's property, and make return thereof as provided for in other cases.

Accountability of Assessors and Collectors.

Where an Assessor and Collector fails to collect the taxes with which he is chargeable, within the time prescribed by law, his official bond should be made to respond for the amount which he so fails to collect. It is doubtful, however, whether such can be done under the present law. I would therefore respectfully, but most urgently recommend that a provision be made, making it obligatory on these officers to collect and account for the taxes by them Assessed within a stipulated period, and in default thereof, that they be held liable on their bond for the same, and for all amounts not certified to by the county court as being insolvent.

Compensation of Assessors and Collectors.

It is generally complained of by the Assessors and Collectors, that their compensation is not adequate to the duties which they have to perform, and the result has been that a number

of our most competent officers have in consequence resigned. To lessen the labors of the Assessors to some extent, I would recommend that the present law on the subject of Assessing be so altered as to authorize these officers to make known by public notice that at a certain time and place in each justice's precinct, within their respective counties, they will attend for the purpose of receiving from the citizens thereof a schedule of their taxable property, and all parties failing to respond to such notice, that the Assessor be authorized to charge a fee of fifty cents, for having to visit the residence of such party, the same to be charged on the Assessment rolls and collected as other amounts are collected. I would also recommend a similar clause on the subject of collecting.

These requirements would not be burdensome on the tax payer, whilst they would greatly diminish the labors of the Assessors.

Increase of duties of Comptroller in Connection with the Tax System.

The tax business under the present revenue system, imposes on the Comptroller a vast amount of labor; and comprises a very important part of the duties to be by him performed. To enable this to be done satisfactorily and in a manner to avoid confusion, prevent injustice to individuals, and fulfil all important requirements, the services of at least one additional Clerk are indispensable, and I respectfully request that the needful assistance be allowed. In connection with this subject, I would remark that the principal Clerk assigned to the superintendency of this important duty, should be a person of capacity and high business qualifications. To enable the services of such a person to be obtained and secured, I would respectfully recommend that he be allowed a compensation equal to that received by Chief Clerks of Departments.

Delinquents of the Late Republic--Adjustment of their Indebtedness.

Under the requirements of an act approved February 7th, 1853, in relation to the settlement of the Fiscal Affairs of the ate Republic, the indebtedness of as many of the delinquent officers as was practicable, has been stated and placed in the hands of the District Attorneys for settlement. The remaining accounts will be prepared and placed in due train of adjustment as soon as circumstances will permit; thus it is hoped

that this protracted and complicated business will, ere long, be brought to a definite and satisfactory close.

Sale of Austin City Lots--A Law for the Security of Public Property at the Seat of Government Recommended.

As directed by an act passed at the recent Extra Session of the Legislature, I sold in the month of May last, to the highest bidder, 325 of the public lots in the City of Austin and tract adjoining, which yielded in the aggregate the sum of $31,307 50, being an average of $96 33 per lot. The first, and a portion of the second and third instalments have been paid, and the proceeds deposited in the Treasury, as will be seen by reference to statement "F" accompanying.

There are yet remaining unsold 306 lots, of value equal on the average to those sold.

A law for the protection and security of public property at the seat of Government is much required. I would therefore respectfully recommend the enactment of the necessary provisions therefor, placing the property specially under the care of the Comptroller or some other officer, invested with authority to prosecute in behalf of the State, in all cases of trespass, &c.

Railroads--Issue of Landscript for Road Completed.

On the application of the Agent of the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railroad Company, a Commissioner was appointed by the Governor to examine and report on the number of miles of said road alleged to have been completed. Accordingly, on the 22d of August last, the Commissioner thus appointed reported that he had examined and found completed in a substantial and satisfactory manner and ready for use, nineteen and one-half miles of said Railroad. In conformity with said report and the requirements of an act of the Legislature, approved January 29th, 1853, I instructed the Commissioner of the General Landoffice to issue to said company landscrip at the rate of eight sections of 640 acres each, for each mile of said road so reported to have been completed. This is the only company, so far as the Comptroller has been advised, who have advanced under their charter to the extent requisite to entitle them to a bonus of land from the State.

It is believed that the accompanying statements from "A" to "G," contain an account of the general operations of this office for the two last fiscal years terminating on the 31st ult. Should the Legislature require any additional information to

that contained in this report, it shall be promptly furnished. And should any investigation of the office be deemed necessary, it will give me much pleasure to afford every facility to any committee that may be charged with such duty.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. SHAW, Comptroller.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
AUSTIN, NOV. 26th, 1853.

To his Excellency, the Governor:—

I have the honor to submit the following brief report, of matters connected with the business of this office, for the last two years:

The most important duty, perhaps, devolving upon this Department, is that of superintending the printing of the laws and attending to their proper distribution throughout the State. To provide for a performance of the latter portion of this duty, an appropriation of two thousand dollars was made at the last regular session of the legislature.

At the termination of that session, I publicly invited proposals for the distribution of the laws and journals, Hartley's Digest, Reports of the Supreme Court, and the laws of the first and second sessions of the 31st Congress, throughout two districts of the State—one, composed of the counties lying east, the other west of the Brazos River. Among the offers made for the former, I accepted that of M. M. Seay, at the price of five hundred dollars, and for the latter, that of Joseph Harrell, at three hundred and fifty dollars, and contracts were made with them accordingly. These gentlemen discharged their duty to my entire satisfaction. Their contracts, though undertaken at very low rates, were promptly and faithfully performed.

The laws and journals of the late extra session of the legislature were distributed by mail.

In accordance with the requirements of the act of March 20th, 1848, there have been forwarded to the Librarian of Congress, Secretary of State of the United States, Secretary of the Treasury, and to the Executive Departments of all the States and Territories, copies of the laws of the last regular and extra session of the legislature; also, the requisite number of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th volumes of the Reports of decisions of the Supreme Court. And, as required by the act of the 2d February, 1850, two copies of each volume of the Reports have been

transmitted for deposit in the office of clerks of the District and County Courts of their respective counties.

I understand from the Reporter, (O. C. Hartley, Fsq.,) that the 8th and 9th volumes of the Supreme Court Reports have been published, and that the number of copies subscribed for by the State, will be delivered in a very short time.

The Executive Proclamations requiring a vote of the people to be taken on the act, approved February 7th, 1853, making appropriations for the improvement of the rivers, and the Joint Resolution of the same date, proposing an amendment to the constitution, were duly published in many of the public prints of the State.

According to the returns received and now on file in this office, the result was as follows, viz:

For the River Bill,	6,432	
Against the same,	19,491	
Majority against it,	13,059	
For amendment of the Constitution,		13,940
Against the same,	7,944	
Neutral	7,369	
		15,313
Majority against it,		1,373

Both of these measures are therefore regarded as lost. A tabular statement of the vote is herewith enclosed.

The constitution, in describing the mode in which that instrument may be amended, seems to contemplate that a majority of all those voting for Representatives, shall also vote in favor of the proposed amendments, otherwise the same would be defeated. I presume, therefore, that those who are neutral, or do not vote at all, must be counted with those who may vote directly against the amendment proposed.

In regard to the vote taken on the amendment in question, it is proper to observe that in most instances the returns only gave the number of votes cast for and against its adoption, without showing the number of voters who were neutral, or who did not vote at all. In such cases, the proper result, or an approximation to it, has been arrived at, where sufficient data was afforded by adding together the number of votes given directly for and against the amendment. The aggregate subtracted from the whole number of votes given for Representatives, shows the number of neutral votes, which, added to the number given di-

rectly against the amendment, shows the amount of votes regarded by the constitution as cast against the proposed measure. If it be desired, the original returns will be laid before the legislature.

The laws which were directed by His Excellency, Gov. Bell, to be translated and printed in the Spanish and German languages, have been distributed to the extent deemed necessary.

It seems that the appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars made for this object, was not sufficient to defray the expense incurred.

Under contracts made with the Governor by C. H. Buchner, of Galveston, and Mr. Riotte, of San Antonio, the former claims a balance of $1,374 for printing 300 copies of the laws in German, stitching and delivering the same; while Mr. Riotte claims a balance of $336 90 for translating the same, superintending their printing, &c. To liquidate these claims, an additional appropriation will become necessary.

A considerable amount will also be required to defray the expense of publishing in the various papers ordered by the Governor, the Proclamations for the last general election held in the State, and on the adoption or rejection of the act making appropriations for the improvement of the rivers.

Propositions to amend the constitution of our State are directed by the constitution itself to be published in the public prints of the State. The intention was doubtless to give them the greatest possible publicity.

I presume, therefore, that every paper in the State had the right to publish and charge for the Proclamation of the Governor, relative to the late proposed amendment. I have no means of stating accurately, what the charges will amount to in the aggregate, for publishing the various proclamations referred to, and those offering rewards for the apprehension of criminals, but from the best judgment I can form, an appropriation of five thousand dollars will not be more than sufficient to cover them.

There are many other matters of minor importance, which might be adverted to, but I deem it unnecessary to do so. The duties of this office, though complicated and important, consist for the most part in minute details, which would possess no interest in a communication like this.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
THOS. H. DUVAL, *Secretay of State.*

STATEMENT, showing the vote given in the different counties of the State, at the August election, 1853, on the adoption of the River Bill, and the proposed Amendment of the Constitution.

COUNTIES.	For River Bill.	Ag. River Bill.	For Am. Const.	Ag. Am. Const.	Neutral.
Anderson,	377	257	295	27	496
Angelina,					
Austin,	61	230	156	123	
Bastrop,	35	118	328	134	59
Bell,	9	182	33	24	
Bexar,	10	1661	1584	83	
Bowie,	129	30	29	16	128
Brazoria,	181	42	145	6	
Brazos,	7	49	26	26	
Burleson,	32	226	82	139	
Burnet,	6	89	11	82	31
Caldwell,	39	256	172	135	
Calhoun,	91	79	180	52	18
Cameron,					
Cass,	238	111	110	132	354
Cherokee,	83	1100	481	666	
Collin,	16	283	432	74	
Colorado,	179	27	146	58	
Comal,	2	241	213	21	
Cooke,		53	5	49	
Dallas,	261	183	198	71	319
Denton,	3	89	25	74	
DeWitt,	25	175	101	79	43
Ellis,		14			
El Paso,		814	287		525
Falls,		53	46	27	
Fannin,	1	574	342	169	
Fayette,	300	310	368	262	66
Fort Bend,	102	58	154	29	
Freestone,					
Galveston,	453	33	394	80	50

COUNTIES.	For River Bill.	Ag. River Bill.	For Am. Const.	Ag. Am. Const.	Neutral.
Gillespie,	1	162	127	36	3
Goliad,	83	40	62	62	
Gonzales,	7	169	67	29	303
Grayson,	2	390	278	29	64
Grimes,	30	390	240	149	52
Guadalupe,	3	218	106	38	259
Harris,	166	370	392	154	171
Harrison,	71	597	367	188	332
Hays,	2	81	18	45	
Henderson,	14	233	16	91	101
Hidalgo,					
Hill,	2	82	51	11	
Hopkins,	10	454	191	174	193
Houston,	131	194	147	72	
Hunt,	27	317	76	252	9
Jackson,	74	38	59	44	20
Jasper,	179	7	57	37	
Jefferson,	105	2	30	1	78
Kaufman,	35	174	60	62	7
Lamar,	21	494	126	350	
LaVaca,	13	235	81	174	16
Leon,	25	350	249	95	
Liberty,	181	50	76	10	201
Limestone,	12	219	138	72	46
Madison,					
Matagorda,	166	1	159	144	11
McLennan,					
Medina,		158	163	5	
Milam,	75	63	27	31	179
Montgomery,	24	238	138	101	
Nacogdoches,	93	428	305	156	310
Navarro,	64	137	161	63	192
Newton,	153		99	19	78
Nueces,	158		147	2	56
Orange,	95				
Panola,	29	252	136	113	

COUNTIES.	For River Bill.	Ag. River Bill.	For Am. Const.	Ag. Am. Const.	Neutral.
Polk,	110	168	145	121	
Red River,					
Refugio,	90	24	67	53	
Robertson,	7	134	16	108	
Rusk,	88	1283	527	481	693
Sabine,	124	14	69	19	
San Augustine,	168	25	68	4	
San Patricio,	54		23	23	7
Shelby,	102	132	119	7	379
Smith,	30	831	54	114	723
Starr,	7	154	175	88	192
Tarrant,	23	144	43	63	
Titus,	107	181	141	103	
Travis,	189	384	353	228	138
Trinity,	36	6	33	17	2
Tyler,					
Upshur,	28	528	281	254	
VanZandt,	1	168	20	135	34
Victoria,	134	56	105	69	
Walker,	99	325	272	138	59
Washington,	223	376	327	315	273
Webb,		179	175	2	12
Wharton,	111	2	56	3	57
Williamson,	1	363	121	65	
Wood,	9	134	58	87	
Total,	6,432	19,491	13,940	7,944	7,369

REPORT OF STATE TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
State of Texas, Austin, Nov. 17, 1853.

To the Honorable the Senate and
House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to transmit the accompanying Report of the State Treasurer for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1853, being more in extenso than that which accompanied my general message to the present session of your honorable bodies, and which is therein referred to by that officer.

The suggestions submitted by the Treasurer in this report, relative to the change of the deposit in the Treasury known as the General School Fund, from specie to the U. S. Bonds bearing five per cent. interest, and the appointment of a committee from your honorable bodies to examine the condition of his office, have my full concurrence, and I therefore recommend them to the favorable consideration of the Legislature.

P. H. BELL.

STATE OF TEXAS,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, Austin, Nov. 15, 1853.

To his Excellency P. H. BELL,
Governor of the State:

SIR: In compliance with the provisions of the law defining the duties of State Treasurer, I submit, herewith, as a report of the transactions of this office, in the public monies for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1853, the following statements, viz:

Statement "A" shows the receipts and disbursements on general or State account, and the balance now remaining in the Treeasury.

Statement "B" shows the appropriation for each class and description of public debt; the amount paid, and the balance undrawn in the Treasury.

Statement "C" shows, in a consolidated form, the total re-

ceipts and payments on State account for the two years ending October 31st, 1853.

By reference to statement marked "A," it will be seen that the balance of disbursable funds remaining in the Treasury amounts to three millions nine hundred and sixty-five thousand three hundred and one dollars and ninety-four cents, ($3,965,301 94); to this amount might be added the further sum of eighty-nine thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars ($89,375), which, I am confident, will soon be realized in cash and deposited in the Treasury, being for the interest coupons due July 1st, 1853, upon three millions five hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars ($3,575,000) United States five per cent. bonds. This addition would increase the balance to four million fifty-four thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars and ninety-four cents ($4,054,676 94).

I have during the last year been successful in turning into cash and placing the same in the Treasury, the interest coupons falling due upon the above amount of bonds July 1st, 1852, and January 1st, 1853, amounting to one hundred and seventy-eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars ($178,750), without charge or expense to the State. I have also turned into cash and deposited the same in the Treasury, the interest coupons for July 1st, 1852, and January 1st, 1853, upon fifty three thousand dollars ($53,000) United States bonds standing to the credit of the General School Fund, which interest amounted to two thousand six hundred and fifty dollars ($2,650). The coupons due July 1st, 1853, upon the said bonds, will likely soon be realized in cash, and properly increases the cash now in the Treasury to the credit of the General School Fund in the sum of one thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars ($1,325), making the total of said fund eighty-three thousand five hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty-three cents ($83,518 33).

The third section of the act of February 16th, 1852, making appropriations for the support of the Government for the years 1852 and '53, authorizes the Treasurer to transfer to the account of General School Fund a sufficient amount of the United States five per cent. bonds to cover the amount of specie at that time in the Treasury standing to the credit of said account.

This transfer was made to the amount of $17,000.

As it seems to be the desire of the people of Texas that the fund for the praiseworthy purpose of Education should be, as far as practicable, an accumulating and increasing one, I would respectfully suggest that the Legislature give the Treasurer the authority to transfer annually, on the 31st day of July, a suffi-

cient amount of the United States bonds to the credit of the account of General School Fund to cover the specie to the credit of said account at the time of such transfer, giving to the School Fund the benefit of all interest accruing upon the bonds, from and after the first day of July next previous to such transfer.

I deem it advisable, in order to explain a part of my official acts for and during the year ending October 31st, 1852, to add herein the following extract from my official report under date December 6th, 1852, to the Executive office:

"By virtue of the authority of acts passed upon the subject, the Treasurer on the 16th day of February last (1852), commenced the payment of that portion of the public debt for which appropriations had been made. At that time the condition of the Treasury was thus:

"In United States five per cent. bonds, $5,000,000 00

"In specie received for interest on U. S. bonds, 250,000 00

"By the act making appropriations for the support of Government for the years 1852 and '53, the interest received upon U. States bonds was assigned to meet those appropriations. A sufficient amount of the bonds, or the proceeds thereof, were appropriated to pay the public debt. The Treasurer commenced the payment of the debt by using the specie in the Treasury, less a sufficient amount to meet the current expenses of the Government, trusting that the demands upon the Treasury on account of the public debt would not be so great as to exhaust the Treasury before a sale of United States bonds could be made by the Comptroller, under authority of the act of the Legislature providing for the sale of one million, approved 16th February, 1852. In this, however, he was disappointed, as so great was the demand upon the Treasury for redemption of debt, that the specie was exhausted in ten days time; while the bids for the bonds were not to be opened by the Comptroller until the 4th day of May. It, therefore, became necessary either to suspend the payment of the debt for over two months, or issue the bonds.

"Upon consultation with your Excellency and the Comptroller it was deemed advisable to pay out the bonds at a premium of three per cent. on the same to such as desired them in preference to waiting until the Treasury could be supplied with specie. It was considered that it would be injurious to the interests of the State, in the future sale of the bonds, to pay them from the Treasury at their face, when it was evident they were sought with avidity by capitalists at a premium above the rate established. The first bonds were issued on the 26th of Feb-

ruary last (1852), when a book was opened showing the number of the bond; the amount of interest due and charged to date; the amount of premium charged, and the receipt of the person to whom the bond was issued. To the 4th of May last, (when the payment of bonds was suspended,) the Treasurer had paid out the number of five hundred and seventy-two, amounting in principal to five hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars ($572,000), and collected in interest due upon the same the sum of seven thousand two hundred and eighty dollars and thirty cents ($7,280 30), which amount he deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the State.

"The premium charged and collected upon said bonds amounted to seventeen thousand one hundred and sixty dollars ($17,160). From this amount all the expenses of the Comptroller to New York and Washington City and back; insurance and transportation of specie, &c., incident to the sale of United States bonds under act of February 16th, 1852, were paid, amounting, as per statement "D," herewith submitted, to the sum of eleven thousand one hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents ($11,116 66).

"The balance of five thousand nine hundred and ninety-three dollars and eighty-four cents ($5,993 84) was deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the State.

"As the Legislature had neglected to make appropriation for the expenses attending the sale of the bonds, it was deemed proper to pay the same out of the premium which had been collected in this office (without the direct authority of law) upon the bonds disbursed therefrom, and leave it for the Legislature to sanction the course pursued, if judged correct, and express by law in what manner the account relative to the same shall be settled.

"In the payment of the bonds at the arbitrary premium of three per cent., it was optional with claimants to take them, or wait a short time for the specie; and while, in most cases, they were taken, it is believed that few or none suffered loss therefrom. On the contrary many gained, as the actual value of the bonds in market was above the rate charged by the office, as evidenced by the price the bonds brought upon the bids opened on the 4th day of May last. The determination to charge a premium upon the bonds paid out, placed the Treasurer in an embarrassing and unpleasing situation from the fact, that when complaints were made, which was sometimes the case, he could not plead authority of law for his course; while, at the same time, he felt conscious that he was acting for the best interest

of the State, and believed that his conduct would be approved by the proper authorities of the same.

"Beyond the amount of seventeen thousand one hundred and sixty dollars ($17,160) by which the State was directly benefitted, it is believed that the plan adopted and pursued had a beneficial effect upon the sale of bonds, in an increase of premium above what would otherwise have been the case had the Treasurer paid out the bonds at par.

"In order to show that the premium established could not be considered as injurious to claimants upon the Treasury, or as depriving them of any just right or demand, the Treasurer will state that so soon as it was determined to suspend the issue of the bonds and return to specie payments, many complaints were made, claimants considering it an actual hardship to have no choice but to take the specie. Offers were made by persons having demands upon the Treasury of as high a rate as four per cent. for the bonds, which offers were, of course, refused, as the Treasurer was then supplied with specie sufficient to meet all demands, and it being for the benefit of the State that as large an amount of the bonds as possible should be held in the Treasury, on account of the value of the accruing interest."

A part of the duties of this office are to receive and disburse certain funds which have no connection with the State revenue—accounts that are denominated Special Deposites; an exhibit of these transactions for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1853, will be found in the following statements, viz:

Statement marked "D" shows the receipts and disbursements of Special Deposites, and the balance now in the Treasury.

Statement "E" shows the deposites now in the Treasury to the credit of estates of persons who died in the State without leaving heirs to represent them before the Probate Courts, upon the final setilement of such estates.

I am aware that the people of the State feel a deep interest in the affairs of the office which I have the honor to administer, and more particularly so at this time, when so large an amount of money is in the Treasury. They desire and expect that the monetary affairs shall be conducted with faithfulness and honesty; and as for the past two years the business of this office has been great,—a very large amount of money having been received and disbursed, and still a large balance in my hands as Treasurer. I would most respectfully solicit and request, through your Excellency, of the State Legislature, now in session, the appointment of a committee to examine the office. I desire a

rigid scrutiny and thorough investigation into all my acts, official or otherwise, bearing upon the conducting of the treasury affairs. I have endeavored faithfully to obey all the laws passed for the governance of this office; I feel conscious that in my acts I have violated none of those laws; and when from the necessity of circumstances I have felt compelled to act without authority of law, it has always been done with an eye single to the benefit and best interest of the State; and for these acts I desire to, and I hope shall. stand justified by the people of Texas when the result is shown to their representatives and senators, and their report made thereon exhibiting, as it must, that by those very acts I have saved to the State quite a large amount of money.

All of which is very respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

JAS. H. RAYMOND,

Treasurer.

STATEMENT "A."

The State of Texas in account current with JAS. H. RAYMOND *Treasurer, from 1st Nov., 1852, to 31st Oct., A. D. 1853.*

DR.

To amount of cash disbursed upon appropriations as per register of Treasury Warrants paid, viz:		
In specie of revenue of late Republic,	$4,517 42	
" " " " State,	34,346 70	
" " of int't rec'd on U. S. bonds,	176,468 28	
" " proceeds of sale " "	125,000 00	
" " premium on " "	6,362 50	
		$346,694 90
To amount of specie of revenue of State, transferred to account of Co. taxes, having been erroneously deposited to the former account,		1,335 29
" amount of Government liabilities received in collection of revenue of late Republic, and delivered to the Comptroller as vouchers for settlement, viz:		
In promissory notes,	9,018 16	
" audited paper,	24 00	
		9,042 16
To amount of cash, specie proceeds of sales of U.S. bonds disbursed in payment of the following description of the debt of the late Republic of Texas, viz:		
For second class debt,	61,782 50	
" third class debt,	4,590 92	
" audited paper, first class debt,	6,902 04	
" miscellaneous liabilities, "	9,640 00	
audited by special acts of Legislature, first class,	3,825 24	
8 per cent. funded debt, 5th Feb., 1840—principal first class,	150 00	
10 per cent. funded debt, 5th Feb., 1840—principal first class,	14,700 00	
nterest on various liabilities, viz:		

On 8 per cent. funded debt, 5th Feb., '40,	116 50	
" 10 " " " " "	14,753 32	
		116,460 52
To balance of cash on hand Oct. 31st, 1853, viz:		
In U. States 5 per cent. bonds,	3,575,000 00	
" specie, inter't rec'd on U. S. bonds,	166,832 23	
" " premium " " "	47,047 50	
" " proceeds of sale of "	176,422 21	
		3,965,301 94
" U. S. bonds of Gen. School Fund,	53,000 00	
" specie " " "	29,193 33	
		82,193 33
		$4,521,028 14

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By balance cash on hand Oct., 31st. 1852, viz:		
In U. S. 5 per cent. bonds,	$3,575,000 00	
" specie, int't rec'd on U. S. bonds,	164,550 51	
" " premium " "	42,243 84	
" " proceeds of sale of "	417,882 73	
		$4,199,677 08
" U. S 5 per cent. bonds belonging to Gen. School Fund,	53,000 00	
" specie belon'g to " "	8,974 12	
		61,974 12
		4,261,651 20
By amount of specie and Government liabilities received in collection of revenue of late Republic as follows, viz:		
In specie, on account of customs and custom bonds,	280 00	
" specie on account of taxes,	909 29	
" " " " licenses,	1,320 80	
" " " " land dues,	253 98	
" " " " miscellaneous,	1,753 35	
		4,517 42
" promissory notes on account of customs and custom bonds,	1,073 45	

" promissory notes on acc't patent fees,	2,353 00		
" " " " Gov't dues,	1,530 95		
" " " " licenses,	27 00		
" " " " taxes,	4,033 76		
		9,018 18	
" audited paper, " Gov't dues		24 00	
			13,559 58
By amount of specie received in collection of revenue of State, viz:			
On account of taxes and licenses and interest on taxes,	24,595 26		
" " " Government dues,	1,619 80		
" " " patent fees,	1,784 60		
" " " office fees,	1,282 45		
" " " rent of public buildings,	409 74		
" " " sale custom house Sabine,	108 73		
" " " " of Austin lots,	9,898 67		
" " " appr'n 109 erect'n capitol,	800 00		
		40,499 25	
Less am't transferred to account of Gen. School Fund, being one-tenth taxes for 1852,	852 62		
Less one-tenth of $39,646 63, taxes prior to 1852, set aside for General School Fund,	3,964 64		
		4,817 26	
			35,681 99
By amount of specie received in collection of int't due upon $3,575,000 U. S. 5 per cent. bonds,			178,750,00
" am't of specie received in premium upon U.S. bonds disbursed from office during the year 1852,			11,166 16
General School Fund.			
" am't of specie, one-tenth of revenue of State collected for years prior to 1852,		3,964 64	
" am't of specie one-tenth taxes and licenses collected for years 1852 and '53,		11,654 57	
" am't of specie received, being for interest upon $53,000 in U. States			

bonds, bearing 5 per cent. interest,	2,650 00	
" am't of specie received, being for interest upon $36,000 State bonds, as appropriated per act of Feb'ry 7th, 1853,	1,950 00	
		20,219 21
		$4,521,028 14

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Austin, November 1st, 1853.

JAMES H. RAYMOND, *Treasurer.*

"B."

Statement showing the amount appropriated for each class and description of Public Debt; the amount paid, and the balance remaining in the Treasury undrawn of each appropriation on the 31st October, 1853.

CLASS AND DESCRIPTION OF DEBT.	Amount Appropriated	Amount Paid.	Balances UNDRAWN.
First Class: 10 per ct. funded debt, 5th Feb., 1840, principal,	226,200 00	147,225 00	78,975 00
8 " " " " " " "	7,284 00	1,080 00	6,204 00
Audited paper,	69,451 52	54,729 79	14,721 73
Miscellaneous liabilities,	26,129 87	25,879 87	250 00
Interest on various liabilities,	238,173 63	153,998 58	84,175 05
Second Class Debt,	818,910 68	670,669 92	148,240 76
Third " "	42,656 47	30,032 49	12,623 98
Audited by special acts of Legislature,	34,023 55	30,528 99	3,494 56
Dollars,	1,462,829 72	1,114,144 64	348,685 08

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Austin, November 15th, 1853.

JAS. H. RAYMOND, *Treasurer.*

DOCUMENT "C."

State of Texas in account current with JAS. H. RAYMOND, *Treasurer, for two years ending Oct.* 31*st*, 1853.

DR.

To am't of cash disbursed upon appropiations, as per register of treasury warrants paid, viz:	
In specie, of revenue of late Republic,	8,082 13
" " revenue of State,	185,501 86
" " interest received on U. S. bonds,	242,441 02
" " premium " " "	6,362 50
" " proceeds of sale of " "	125,000 00
" " General School Fund transferred,	17,000 00
To am't of specie, of revenue of State transferred to account of Special Deposites, county taxes, having been improperly deposited to the former account,	1,371 08
" am't of 5 per cent. State bonds belonging to Gen. School Fund, transferred to credit of cash account, and delivered to the Comptroller as vouchers for settlement,	36,000 00
(N. B.—The amount of $53,000, U. S. 5 per cent. bonds, were transferred to account of General School Fund to replace the above amount of $36,000 State bonds and delivered to Comptroller, and the above amount $17,000 in specie of General School Fund disbursed by authority of 3d section of an act making appropriations for 1852 and 1853.)	
To am't of Government liabilities received in collection of revenue of late Republic, and delivered to the Comptroller as vouchers for settlement, viz:	
In promissory notes, bonds and coupons,	35,963 39
" audited paper,	364 00
" exchequer bills,	675 00
" public debt certificates,	6,811 67
To am't of U. S. bonds delivered to Comptroller, and sold by him, and specie received in lieu thereof, by virtue of act of Feb. 20th, 1853,	800,000 00
" am't of cash disbursed in payment of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas, viz:	

In U. S. 5 per cent. bonds,			572,000 00
" specie, proceeds of sale of U. S. bonds,			498,577 79
" " interest received on U. S. bonds,			43,566 85
Class and description of debt paid is as follows, viz:			
Second class debt,		670,669 92	
Third " "		30,032 49	
Audited paper, first class,		54,729 79	
Miscellaneous liabilities, first class,		25,879 87	
Audited by special acts of Legislature,		30,528 99	
Eight per cent. funded debt, 5th February, 1840; principal first class,		1,080 00	
Ten per cent. funded debt, 5th February, 1840; principal first class,		147,225 00	
Interest on various liabilities, viz:			
On 8 per ct. funded debt, 5th Feb., 1840,	829 00		
" 10 per cent. do do	147,989 93		
" miscellaneous liabilities,	5,179 65		
		153,998 58	
Total,		$1,114,144 64	
Balance of cash on hand Oct. 31st, 1853, viz:			
In U. S. 5 per cent. bonds,		3,575,000 00	
" specie, int. received on U.S. bonds,		166,832 23	
" " premium rec'd " " "		47,047 50	
" " proceeds of sale of " "		176,422 21	
			3,965,301 94
" U. S. 5 per cent. bonds, belonging to Gen. School Fund,		53,000 00	
" specie belonging to Gen. School Fund,		29,193 33	
			82,193 33
		Dollars,	6,627,212 56

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By balance of cash in the Treasury Oct. 31st, 1853, viz:			
In specie of revenue of State for disbursement,	25,890 68		
" specie belonging to Gen. School Fund,	12,051 88		
		37,942 56	

" State bonds bearing 5 per ct. interest belon'g to G. S. Fund,		36,000 00	73,942 56
" am't of specie and Gov't liabilities received in collection of revenue of late Republic, viz:			
In specie on account of customs and custom bonds,	366 81		
" specie on acc't of taxes,	3,372 97		
" " " " licenses,	1,612 82		
" " " " fines,	14 70		
" " " " Gov't dues on land,	691 48		
" specie on acc't of miscellaneous,	2,023 35		
		8,082 13	
" prom. notes on account of customs and customs bonds,	18,864 55		
" prom. notes ac't pat't fees,	6,576 00		
" " " " gov't dues,	4,518 08		
" " " " licenses,	1,818 00		
" " " " taxes,	4,033 76		
" " " " Austin lots,	153 00		
		35,963 39	
" audited paper, on acc't of Gov. dues,		364 00	
" exchequer bills " " customs,		675 00	
" public debt certificates on ac't "		6,811 67	
			51,896 19
" am't of specie received in collection of revenue of State, viz:			
On acct taxes, licenses and int. on taxes,		144,319 81	
" " patent fees,		3,778 80	
" " Government dues on land,		2,882 77	
" " office fees,		2,738 05	
" " rent of public buildings,		547 01	
" " sale of Austin lots,		14,414 72	
" " sale of custom houses,		2,121 48	
" " fines,		25 00	
" " appropriation, 109 F.,		800 00	
" " refunding by the U. S. for advances made to Capts. Black-			

well and Johnson,		8,094 12	
		179,721 76	
Less am't transferred to acc't of Gen. S. Fund, being a portion of the one-tenth taxes of 1852,	852 62		
" one-tenth of $178,869 14, being for taxes prior to 1852 set aside for Gen. S. Fund,	17,886 88		
		18,739 50	
			160,982 26
By am't of U. S. 5 per ct. bonds rec'd as indemnity from the U. S. under act of Congress, app'd Sept. 9, 1850,			5,000,000 00
" am't of specie collected and received upon U. S. 5 per cent. bonds as aforesaid,			452,840 10
" am't of specie received as premium upon U. S. bonds, viz:			
Upon $800 000 sold under act of Feb. 20th, 1852,		36,250 00	
" $572,000, disbursed from the Treasury upon public debt,		17,160 00	
			53,410 00
By am't of specie receiv'd in exchange for $800,000 of U. S. bonds sold by virtue of act of Feb. 20th, 1852,			800,000 00
General School Fund.			
" am't of specie, 1-10th of $178,869 14 being revenue of State collected for years prior to 1852,		17,886 88	
" am't of specie, 1-10th of taxes and licenses for 1852 and '53,		11,654 57	
" am't of specie received, being for interest upon $53,000 U. S. bonds,		2,650 00	
" am't of specie received, being for interest upon $36,000, State bonds,		1,950 00	
			34,141 45
		Dollars,	6,627,212 56

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Austin, November 15th, 1853.

JAS. H. RAYMOND, *Treasurer.*

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State of Texas in account current with JAS. H. RAYMOND, *Treasurer, on account of Special Deposites, for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1853.*

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To amount of specie disbursed upon Treasury warrants drawn on account of Special Deposites, viz:			
In specie on account of County Taxes,	5,239 60		
" " " " Assessors' fees,	189 00		
" " " " settlement of Successions,	214 91		
		5,643 51	
"Exch'r" " " County taxes, late Republic,		27 74	
			5,671 25
" balance of cash on hand Oct. 31st, 1853, viz:			
In specie, of County taxes,	12,147 46		
" " " Assessors' fees,	837 83		
" " " settlement of Successions,	5,415 36		
" " " Railroad tax, Bexar County,	750 61		
		19,151 26	
" Promissory Notes, settlement of Successions,		1,025 21	
			20,176 47
		Dollars,	25,847 72

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By balance cash on hand October 31st, 1852:			
In specie of County taxes,	6,794 19		
" " " Assessors' fees,	607 36		
" " " settlements of Successions,	2,267 38		
		9,668 93	
" Exchequer bills of County taxes,		273 10	
" Promissory notes of Settlements of Successions,		1,025 21	
			10,967 24
" amount of specie received on account of Special Deposites, viz:			
On account of County taxes,		9,012 22	
" " " Assessors' fees,		419 47	
" " " settlement of Successions,		3,362 89	
" " " Railroad tax, Bexar County,		750 61	
			13,545 19
" amount of specie transferred to account of County taxes from State revenue account, having been improperly deposited to the latter account,			1,335 29
		Dollars,	25,847 72

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Austin, November 15th, 1853.

JAS. H. RAYMOND, *Treasurer.*

STATEMENT "E,"

Of Special Deposites in the Treasury to the credit of the Estates of Deceased Persons, Oct. 31, 1853.

Date of Deposite.	By whom Deposited.	To Succession of	Prom. NOTES	Specie.	TOTAL.
May, 1839	D. M. Stapp, Administrator	Joel Hill, deceased	85 10		
July, 1840	Thomas Simons, "	Warren Aboon, "	283 25		
Nov. "	Young Coleman, "	Peter Aldrich, "	548 88		
" 1843	Thos. W. Ward, "	John Jones, "	28 00		
Aug. 1846	Randall Jones, "	John L. Monks, "	79 98		1,025 21
Dec. 1848	Jas. H. Gillespie, "	Lathrop Chase, "		128 10	
April, 1849	Wilson J. McFarland, "	Young J. Parker, "		121 88	
March, "	H. J. Rennest, "	C. Anderton, "		6 40	
May, "	James M. Allen, "	Daniel Harden, "		4 50	
" "	John W. Middleton, "	Keran Brunan, "		78 31	
Aug. "	E. D. Wright, "	E. D. Munster, "		31 50	
Sept. "	Z. Ellison, "	D. Quingly, "		28 28	
Dec. "	Andrew Neill, "	John D. McClure, "		28 33	
June, 1850	A. J. Hamilton, "	H. Trenor, "		33 95	
Sept. "	Julius Rennest, "	C. Anderton, "		16 90	
Jan. 1851	John G. Seiper, "	Henry Droop, "		430 24	
" "	Thomas Gray, "	Wm. Leach, "		156 83	
March, "	K. L. Anderson, "	Samuel Burnett, "		71 25	
May, "	Paris Smith, "	Wm. Mitchell, "		20 09	
Aug. "	Oscar Engledow, "	F. T. Taylor, "		142 00	
Sept. "	F. B. Webb, "	Hiram Warren, "		70 91	
Oct. "	R. K. Chisholm, "	V. V. Qoinsette, "		41 00	

April, 1852	Oscar Engledow,	"	Isaac Simpson,	"	88 55	
May, "	M. P. Clary,	"	David Clary,	"	141 80	
" "	W. W. Morris and J. Dermind, Ex'rs.		Ben Foscue,	"	371 10	
" "	Isham Thompson, Administrator		James H. Colvin,	"	40 55	
Jan. 1853	W. N. Morris, Executor		Ben Foscue,	"	9 00	
" "	Desha Burton,	Administrator	John Farney,	"	2 85	
" "	P. Teal,	"	George McKnight,	"	85 34	
" "	J. B. McFarland,	"	J. White,	"	62 83	
Feb. "	John Hume,	"	John Neely,	"	575 77	
April, "	B. Schneider,	"	John Gruder,	"	204 74	
May, "	Wm. F. Lewis,	"	Andrew Myers,	"	87 79	
" "	D. O. Norton,	"	S. Gonzales,	"	50 00	
" "	Chas. K. Reese,	"	John Owen,	"	425 93	
" "	"	"	A. J. Lewis,	"	425 93	
" "	"	"	John Irwin,	"	425 93	
" "	"	"	Y. M. Miller,	"	425 93	
July, "	John D. Little,	"	John M. Little,	"	192 98	
Oct. "	D. D. Moore,	"	B. F. Hutchins,	"	144 57	
" "	J. J. Tumblinson,	"	T. Wentworth,	"	243 30	5,415 36
					Dolls.	6,440 57

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Austin, November 15th, 1853.

JAS. H. RAYMOND, *Treasurer.*

REPORT.

COMMITTEE-ROOM, December 20th, 1853.

Hon. M. D. K. TAYLOR,
President pro tem. of the Senate, and

Hon. H. R. RUNNELS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The joint Select Committee, appointed for the purpose of examining the situation of the Treasury, having discharged that duty strictly in accordance with the spirit of their instructions, beg leave to report: That the most rigid and thorough scrutiny not only exhibits every dollar with which the Treasurer stands charged, but a disinterested devotion to the interest and prosperity of his State, on the part of that officer, not always evinced by those having public funds in charge. The books are neatly kept, and easy of reference; the accounts and entire affairs of the office systematically arranged, and, what is best of all, the *money* is all there. The Committee did not for a moment entertain a doubt of this being the case, but they conceived it to be their duty to know the fact from actual examination, and therefore overhauled the whole department—handled every dollar, and, by carefully weighing and counting, ascertained the amount of money and other assets on hand, and the correctness of the Treasurer's report in relation to the State funds. Great credit is certainly due that gentleman. Millions of dollars have passed through his hands, and millions are still under his charge; yet, the committee find no discrepancy in his accounts, and nothing out of place.

The Committee deem it due to Mr. Raymond to say, that he has saved more than three thousand dollars to the State in collecting interest on the United States bonds now in the Treasury of the State, by exchanging the interest coupons for cash, at par, as opportunity offered, instead of paying a percentage to collect, or sending on an agent for that purpose at great expense and risk to the State.

The Committee were furnished by the Comptroller with the following account, viz:

Total amount of cash to be accounted for by Jas. H. Raymond, Treasurer, on Dec. 1st, 1853:

In U. States Bonds for disbursement,	$3,575,000 00
" " " of General School Fund,	53,000 00
Total of U. S. Bonds,	$3,628,000 00

In specie for disbursement, State account,	$390,301 94
" " receipts for November;	5,504 71
" " of Gen. School Fund,	29,193 33
" " " Special Deposites,	19,151 26
" " receipts for November,	400 07
Total specie,	$444,551 31
" promissory notes, Special Deposites,	$1,025 21
" " " receipts for November,	140 00
	$1,165 21

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 1st, 1853.

The above exhibits the amount and character of funds for which the Treasurer, Jas. H. Raymond, is this day accountable. He is to be allowed, however, a credit for the Treasury Warrants and public debt paid by him during the month of November. A small portion of the January (1853) instalment of interest on the U. S. Bonds remained uncollected, although the Treasurer is charged in the above as though the same had been collected.

JAMES B. SHAW, *Compt.*

To meet this, the Committee found in the vaults of the Treasury:

In United States Bonds,		$3,628,000 00
" gold and silver,	$382,210 21	
" Public Debt paid in Nov'r,	2,051 43	
" Treasury Warrants "	30,433 08	
" " " 1st day of Dec.,	3,223 38	
Paid members up to " " "	2,146 20	
For building Treasury,	17,000 00	
Paid various officers, (Judges, &c.)	2,271 00	
Stationery paid for and not received,	691 01	
Coupons not yet collected,	4,525 00	
		$444,551 31
In promissory notes of former Republic,		$1,165 21

In conclusion, the Committee would most earnestly solicit attention to the fact, that the salary of the Treasurer is not in pro-

portion to the responsibilities and labor of the office. It is not equal to a clerkship in many business establishments, and most assuredly not equal to the salaries paid by other States to those holding such responsible trusts. The committee, therefore, recommend that the Finance Committees of the two Houses be instructed to inquire into the propriety of increasing the salary of that officer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. T. SCOTT,
Ch'n on the part of the Senate.
WM. FIELDS,
Ch'n on the part of the House.